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In Our Next Issue

The return engagement between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott for the world heavyweight championship, is now a matter of history. Though the fight took place as this issue went to press, there will be a complete coverage of this title bout with a detailed account by THE RING'S ringside representatives in the September issue.

As in past heavyweight championship contests, our cameramen were on the job and their action shots will appear in three full pages of photographs.

An issue you will enjoy and will want to add to your collection of heavyweight championship numbers.

What's next in the picture? Let Dan Daniel give you an eyeful in his discussion of the heavyweight situation.

Activity among the fighters today is far below par as compared with the number of fights in which ringmen in past generations took part. Who were the most active fighters of recent years? How did they fare in their many battles against the best men of their division? Present day fighters have little chance to match oldtime records of ringmen who fought from 400 to 1000 contests.

Jersey Jones will keep you interested in this subject in his story "Busy Bees."

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John L. Sullivan, who would not meet Peter Jackson, great Negro fighter.

LESNEVICH NEXT? CHALLENGERS *are* SCARCE

White Hope Era Returns After the Second Fight Between Louis and Walcott—Third Meeting Would Be Fistic Rarity

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN the aftermath of the second meeting of Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, we are struck with the meagerness of the heavyweight crop and the lack of serious contention for the title.

During the war, we all were led to believe that it would produce new blood of high calibre. Gene Tunney reported that he had seen a marvel in the Army, Jack Dempsey had spied one in the Navy, the Marines were loaded with wonderful prospects.

But here we are with the same old bunch of heavyweights we had before the war, all of them so much older, all of them familiar in style and skills.

For a while we were led to expect the development of a true contender in Bruce Woodcock. But he soon fell by the wayside, and now—in which direction are we to look?

The seriousness of the situation, especially for the promoters, is stressed by the fact that Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion, now is rated a challenger for the heavy title, and could be the next contender.

Lesnevich is a fine, outstanding, clean living fighter, a credit to the game and to himself, a man whose record does not reveal a blemish.

But, Gus will be 34 years of age next February 22. He has been talking of retiring. Now, instead of leaving the fistic scene, the Jersey socker is impressed with his chances in the heavyweight division.

It would appear that for Lesnevich there yet is the matter of eliminating Ezzard Charles convincingly, in his own light-heavy classification.

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HOWEVER, we are down to hard pan in the ultimate division. Just about where we were when Jack Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries, and the fantastic White Hope era, with its comedy and its hooey, was ushered in.

The White Hopes did, ultimately, develop Luther McCarty, Frank Moran and Jess Willard, not to mention Al Palzer, Gunboat Smith, Bombardier Wells, Arthur Pelkey and a few others. If Luther hadn't suffered fatal injury in the Pelkey fight in Calgary he might have gone on to true greatness and forestalled the Dempsey regime.

However, the White Hope days now are with us again, and the situation certainly does not look alluring.

In the wake of the Louis-Walcott fight in Yankee Stadium, there is, in some places, a clamor for a third meeting. However, that would be a rarity.

It may be that, with the heavyweight situation as it is, and true contenders scarcer than Republicans in Mississippi, we may be in for a series something like the Leonard-Dundee and the Ted Lewis-Britton perpetual motion sequences of many years ago.

Running through the history of the heavyweight championship, we are impressed with the fact that while, in the lighter divisions, multiple meetings have been quite common, they have not been usual among the big men.

For a heavyweight champion to have met a challenger more than twice is something you will hunt for without much success in the records of the division.

Double meetings have been fairly common. There usually is the return match. But a third fight has not been the thing in heavyweight society and as for a fourth meeting, that simply has not been even considered in the annals of competition among the Behemoths of title class.

There is, in the Louis-Walcott situation, a high note of asperity which perhaps stems from the fact that both are Negroes, and there is an intense in-the-race rivalry which comes close to being actual enmity.

The Louis side took a somewhat contemptuous attitude toward Walcott before the two Joes met in the Garden last December. After that much discussed battle, with its debated and disputed decision, Walcott got under Louis' skin with the announcement that he had won the title and could whip the Bomber any old time they met.

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FOR Louis, the June 23 fight with Walcott was the tenth return match, the fifth double meeting since the Brown Bomber won the championship from Jim Braddock on June 22, 1937.

Louis had two fights with Arturo Godoy, two with Abe Simon, a couple with Buddy Baer and a pair with Billy Conn, before his two engagements with Walcott.

Men whom Louis met a second time after as a champion, after a first meeting before his achievement of the title, were Max Schmeling and Bob Pastor. Double meetings before Louis became the champion involved Lee Ramage, Natie Brown and Willie Davis.

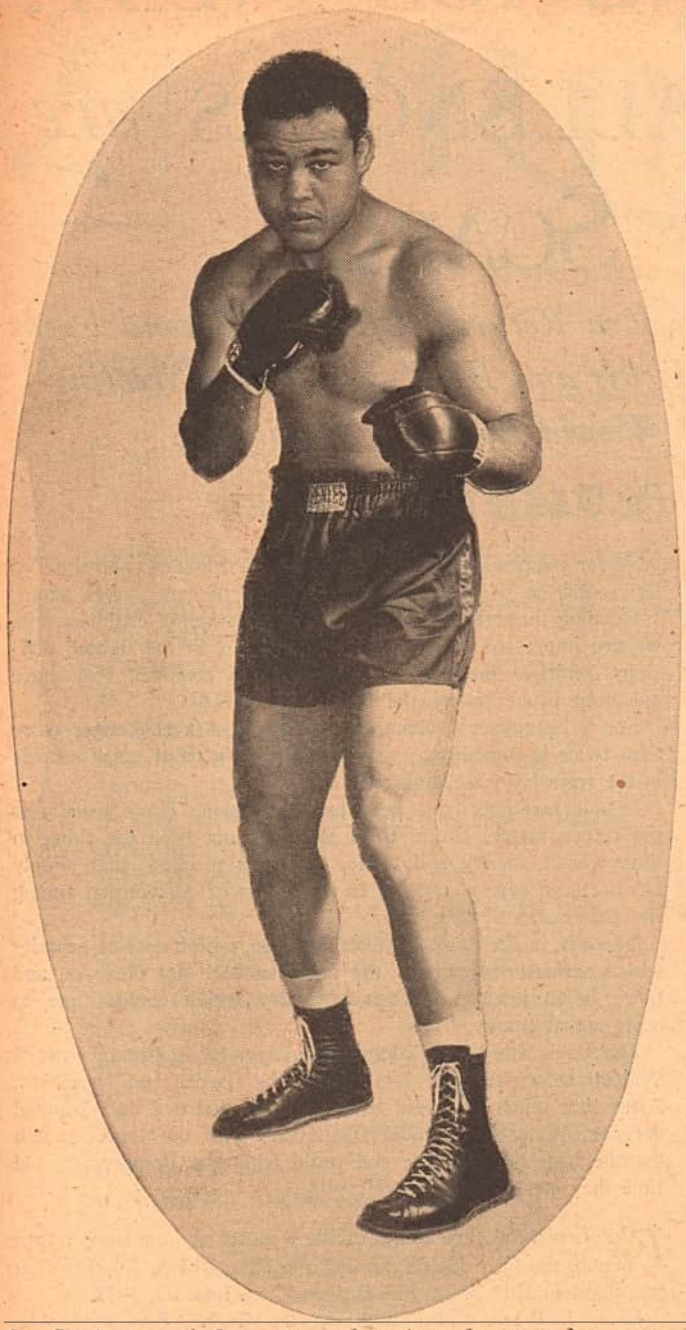
The unwritten law of the heavyweight class which says that a scrapper is not to meet any boxer for a third time after once having held the title dates back to John L. Sullivan, with whom our division history actually begins.

Before the Boston Strong Boy landed the title, we had such worthies as Paddy Ryan, Jack Dwyer, Jim Elliott and Joe Goss, and a lot of other scrappers of varying abilities, all the way back to the Negroes Molyneux and Richmond.

But accurate heavyweight history of worth-while import did not begin until John L. came upon the scene and stiffened Ryan in the ninth in 1882.

After Sullivan had taken the title, his one big double engagement was with Charley Mitchell, of England, and even that, strictly speaking, was not a two-fight rivalry.

The first meeting between Mitchell and Sullivan was a fiasco in the ancient Garden in New York, in 1883. The police stopped



Joe Louis, one of the greatest champions the game has seen.

it as a "prize fight" after three rounds. Sullivan had been floored by the much lighter Briton.

They met again at Chantilly, France, in 1888, and, in a heavy downpour, with both fighters much the worse for wear, a draw was declared after 39 rounds.

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JIM CORBETT, who knocked out Sullivan and took the championship in 1892, met John L. only that once. The faded and not so strong old Strong Boy knew he was thoroughly washed up and, to his credit, let it be recorded that he offered no excuses and did not yammer for a return engagement. John L. merely said that he was glad the new champion was an American, and let it go at that.

Corbett's championship career lasted five years but he spent much more time on the stage than he did in the ring. As a champion, Gentleman Jim did not have a single double engagement.

After Corbett had lost the title to Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City in 1897, he had two meetings with Jeffries, the man who whipped Fitz, and on both occasions Corbett was knocked out—in 23 rounds, and then 10.

Bob Fitzsimmons had two fights with Jeffries, and both resulted in knockouts, with Ruby Robert on the floor. Fitz was the champion for two short years. He had only one fight as the title holder, and was stopped by Jeff at Coney Island in eleven heats.

Jeffries was champion for eleven years—that is, if you take the purist attitude. As you know, after Jeff had knocked out Jack Monroe in the second round in August, 1904, the Boilermaker announced that he was through with the ring, and would be delighted if the contenders got into a carnival to set up a new champion.

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WITH Jeffries as referee, on July 3, 1905, Marvin Hart beat Jack Root and got Jim's blessing as the new king of the heavyweights. Later, Tommy Burns stopped Hart, and then Jack Johnson stopped Burns.

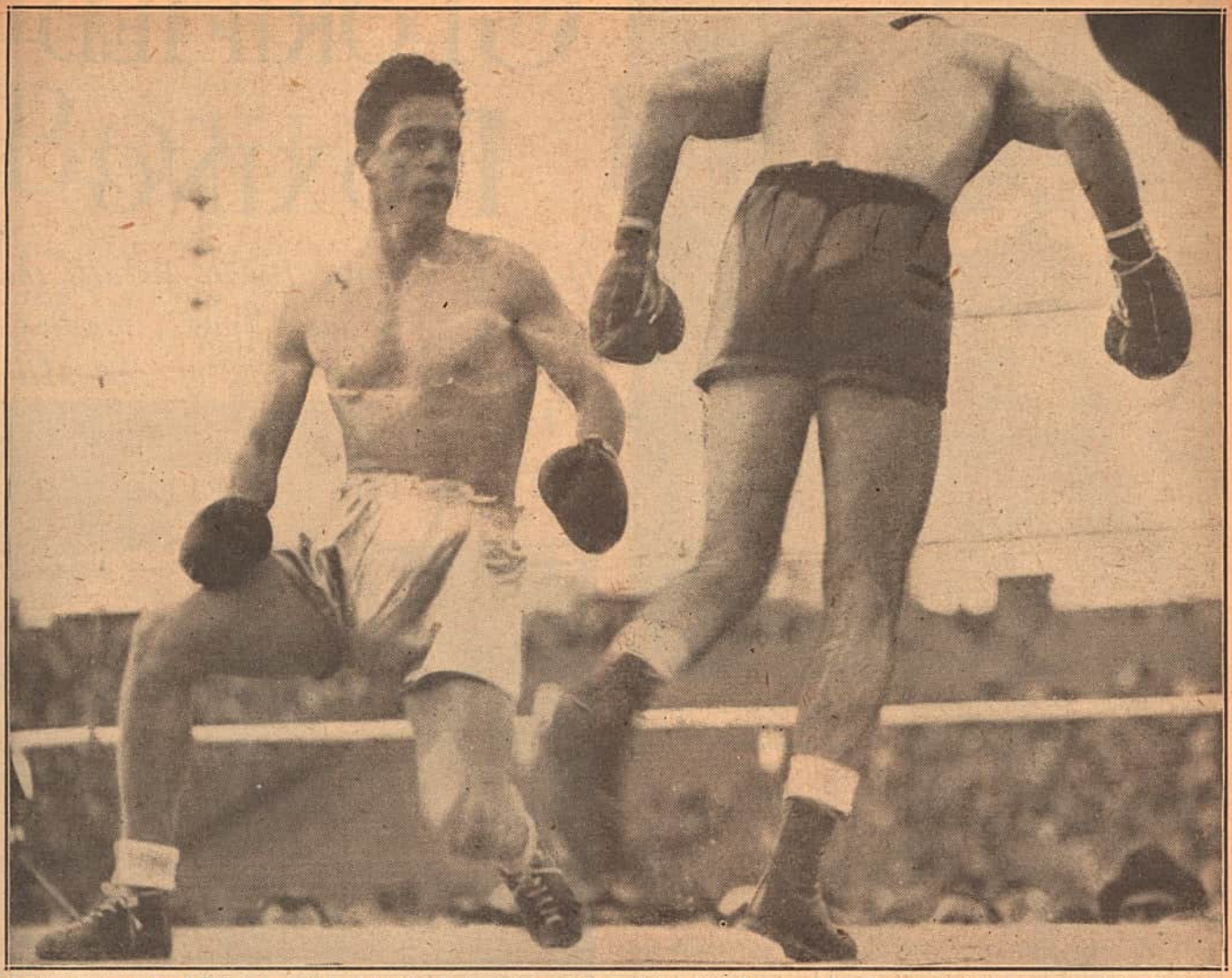
On July 4, 1910, Jeffries came out of his five year retirement, to be belted out by Jack Johnson.

Were Hart and Burns ever the real heavyweight champions? Some yell yes, some holler no. You have the question—how long can a champion stay out of the ring, and still be regarded as the champion?

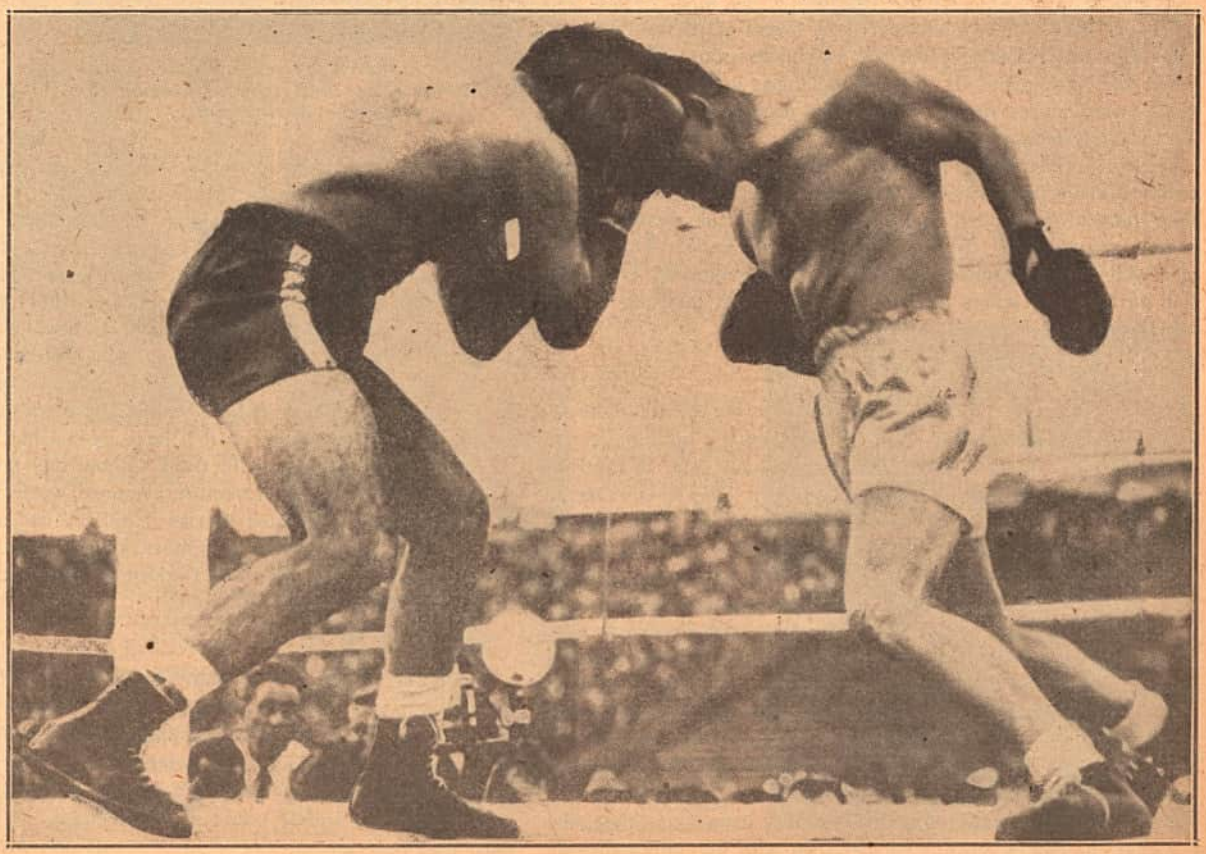
After Johnson had stopped Jeffries, he waited two years before he got into a ring again, with Jim Flynn, at Las Vegas. The cops interfered *(Continued on page 39)*

Jersey Joe Walcott, who became a great fighter rather late in life.

FRENCH IDOL LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP



Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium is jolted by Cerdan's right and Marcel is whirled around by the force of his own punch in Brussels bout, in which Marcel was shorn of his European middleweight crown in a decision that smacked of favoritism. Reports indicated that Cerdan had a clear margin at the end of the fight, though the verdict was against him.



When two bulldogs clash head-on. A scene in the eighth round of the fight between Cerdan and Delannoit, in which Cyrille gained a surprise victory.

"GLORIFIED BOXING"

Death of Colonel Biddle Recalls the Venture of His Son, "Tony", into Boxing and the Launching of the Millionaire Era of Fight Managers

By THE OBSERVER

"Tony" Biddle, later an American Ambassador, who introduced the millionaire fight manager role into boxing, is here seen with Rene DeVos, Belgian middleweight, whose contract he bought.

THE death of Col. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Sr., in Syossett, Long Island, a few weeks ago, recalls the time when his son, "Tony," became the first millionaire manager of fighters in America. When in July, 1935, "Tony" became American Minister to Norway, he put the manly art in high-toned political society. We have had representatives of boxing in state legislatures, in the Congress of the United States and in other exalted spots, but a Minister to a foreign country, was something never dreamed of by members of the pugilistic profession.

While "Tony's" association with boxing was more or less ex-officio, he ever will be remembered by lovers of the sport as the man who was responsible for the most glamorous era that ever befell the fight game. It was the Champagne Era. It was the period when money flowed freely, when prohibition was still with us and gangsterism ruled the night clubs.

It was a time when the fight racket had as its leaders the toughest element in America, men who defied Uncle Sam to halt their flow of prohibited liquor and who ran the swanky night clubs surrounded by tropical trees and soft music. They were men who were surrounded by bodyguards to whom the password had to be given before one could "enjoy" the company of the racketeers who ran the joints.

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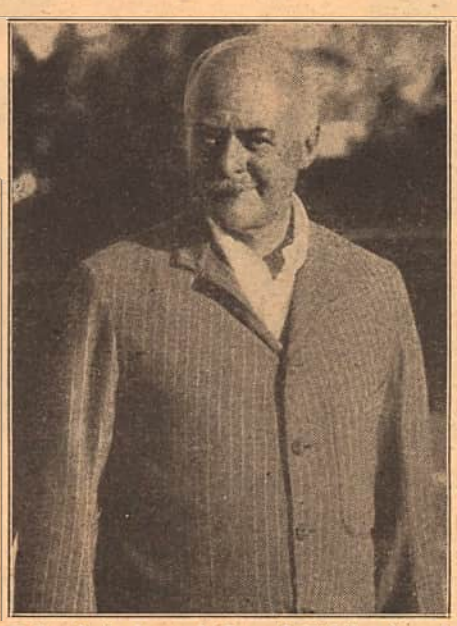
IT was during that hectic period that the big money-shots of society, members of the Newport set and the millionaires of Tex Rickard's Madison Square Garden suddenly came to the fore to interest themselves in the managerial field. They didn't care to have their names recorded to the licenses on file with boxing commissions, but they supplied the dough to buy fighters, turned them over to nationally known sports figures to act as the front men and then got a kick out of seeing the pugilists perform.

"Tony" Biddle was one of the millionaires who decided to take a hand in the management of a fighter. Walter Chrysler, automobile king; Spruille Braden, the copper magnate and Edward F. Hutton of Wall Street fame, were others in the first millionaire group to get into action in "Fisticuffs Preferred." There were still other big money fellows who followed Biddle and his colleagues, but "Tony" set the pace.

For the fight managers, the era became known as "the good old days" of boxing since those identified with the millionaires as the front men never were in need of either money or food—it was a time of plenty for them. In fact they became so accustomed to the best that money could buy, that when Biddle and his like tossed in the sponge and called it quits, the managers found it pretty tough to get back to the "ham and" days—or fall back to less than three square meals a day. They had become spoiled.



Colonel Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, famed as Marine Corps hand-to-hand fighting expert, who died recently.

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HOW did the millionaires become suddenly interested in managing fighters? Well it all happened during the "gold rush" of the early twenties when "Tony" Biddle, after watching Rene DeVos, a Belgian middleweight, train, decided that he would like to buy his contract and start a stable of boxers. He made out a check for $25,000, turned it over to Lew Burston, who had imported Gene from Europe, and Biddle received a half interest in the Belgian. Then "Tony" turned his half share of the fighter over to Jimmy Bronson who was to act as trainer while "Tony" became the advisor, and for his work, Bronson was to receive $50 weekly and his share of the fighter's purse.

It was Biddle's aim to erect a huge gymnasium in New York or vicinity where boys could train without any profit coming to "Tony" and his proposed venture attracted world-wide attention. The fight game fascinated him as it did his dad and soon other millionaires began to pick up fighters, among them Jock Whitney. Biddle's plan for his "glorified emporium" never materialized, but his program for Rene DeVos did.

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ALTHOUGH DeVos didn't know it, "Tony" was a crack amateur heavyweight. Every day he would go to the gym for a workout and often he swapped leather with Gene Tunney among other stars. Gene's association with Jimmy Bronson is what caused Biddle to turn DeVos over to Bronson to handle.

Down on the Biddle estate in Philadelphia, there was an old barn that once housed *(Continued on page 34)*

EUROPE *in* THROES *of* BOXING REVIVAL

Fans Flock in Droves to Shows in England, Ireland and France—British Cards Excel in Interest Those Staged in America—RING Editor Has High Praise for Villemain, Ask and Danny O'Sullivan

By NAT FLEISCHER

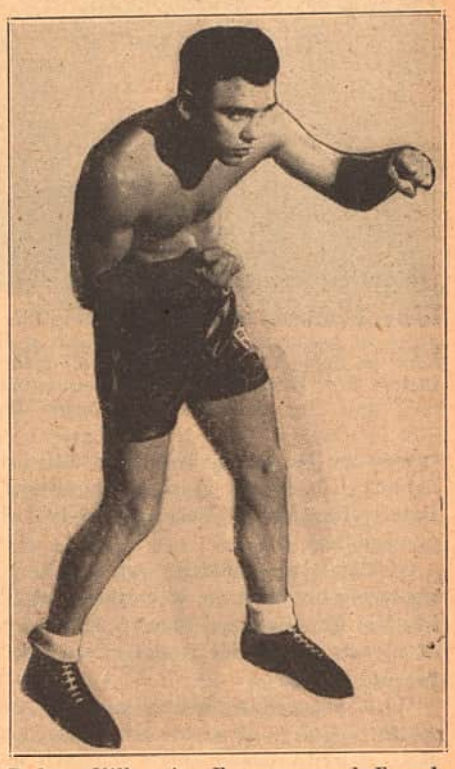
Elis Ask, the best bantam developed since the war. He hails from Finland and is a classy performer.

IS boxing on the downgrade? Are there any fighters coming to the fore who loom as future champions? What boys have made the most progress since the last war? How do the European fistic stars compare with our best boys?

These among other queries that have been fired at me frequently in sports and radio interviews gave me the idea that perhaps it would be a good thing for me and THE RING Magazine were I to make a trip abroad to get first hand information on the lads from overseas of whom we have heard much in recent months but who have never shown their wares in America.

So on the spur of the moment, I applied for a passport, bought Pan American World Airways tickets for myself and wife and decided to spend a month in England, Ireland and France on a tour of inspection. Originally it was my aim to go to as many clubs as I could for the purpose of seeing in action at least ten pugilists about whom our foreign correspondents had frequently written, lads who had received considerable praise from the boxing scribes abroad, but fortunately, I didn't have to go far because every one of those whose names I had listed, were booked on two shows staged by Jack Solomons.

Danny O'Sullivan, highly polished flyweight.



Robert Villemain, European and French welter king, a most pleasing battler.

Who are the best boys I saw in my travels?

Strange as it might sound, they were not Britishers. One is a Frenchman, Robert Villemain, European and French welterweight titleholder and the other, a youngster of only

Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight, who is coming to the States. He is the nearest approach to the American style fighters seen by THE RING *Editor abroad.*

Rinty Monaghan, who received the 130th RING *belt at a party given in honor of* THE RING *Editor at Belfast. He may come here to defend his flyweight title against the Chavez-Marino victor.* THE RING *Editor is congratulating Rinty while presenting him with the belt.*

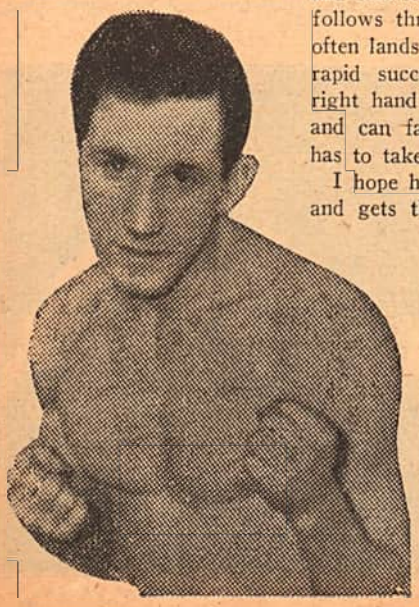
twenty-one years, Elis Ask, a Finnish bantam. Of the eighteen fighters I had seen in ring competition, boys from England, France, Finland and Belgium, the lad who made the best impression, was Ask.

Of him I can confidently say that were he to come to America to ply his trade, he would be a hit. This Finnish boy, built like Kid Chocolate and Panama Al Brown, possesses every asset of a great fighter. He is clever, can box well and can hit with fire in his fists.

What Sugar Ray Robinson means to boxing in America, Ask means to Europe if we are to consider every angle of the sport. He is an artist, though only a youngster in experience, and would be headlined at our major clubs once he got a start in America. That's how good he is.

This handsome, well proportioned Finnish boxer who is undefeated in 13 contests, a tall boy, sallow and baby-faced, possesses what the late Jack Johnson on his frequent visits to THE RING office, termed perfect boxing skill. He moves in with his own punches, jabs with extreme accuracy, counters, ducks, slips and side steps, makes his openings, follows through with his punches, often lands three or more blows in rapid succession, has a beautiful right hand chop that is damaging and can face the music when he has to take it.

I hope he comes to our country and gets the opportunity to fight for a world title. With a little more development under American tutelage, he should become a worthy successor to Willie Pep when the featherweight king retires from the division. Ask is certain to advance into the feather-ranks ere long.



Jackie Paterson, who as a bantam, has made a splendid comeback.

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AS for Villemain, he is another answer to the promoters' prayers. He is not yet ready to tackle welters like Ray Robinson, but he can hold his own against any of the other boys listed among the rated talent. He fights both as a welter and middleweight. In his bout with Eric Boon, which was by far the most thrilling and best battle I had seen abroad, he scaled 151 pounds. Efforts are being made to have him tackle Marcel Cerdan for the middleweight crown of France, but such a move would eliminate one of the two outstanding French battlers, their best drawing cards, and would not help the sport any. I advised against it.

Jack Solomons, Europe's leading promoter.

Marcel Cerdan who, despite his disputed loss to Cyrille Delannoit, remains Europe's outstanding ringman.

Villemain is not yet prepared to fight so experienced a battler as Cerdan and is certain to be whipped whereas there are plenty of good welters with whom he can mingle and continue his string of victories. He is undefeated at this writing.

Because of his peculiar style—he comes in with fists facing his chin and elbows almost resting against his chest—the British galleryites have dubbed him the "Barrow Boy." He is powerfully built, a fast moving fighter who can sock and who is most difficult to hit because of his defensive tactics.

Villemain not only is a hard worker in his gym training, but does equally strenuous work in his private life. That's why he is as solid as a rock and in perfect physical condition to take the

Dickie Turpin, eldest of the Turpin family, who won the British Empire middleweight crown.

knocks that come to one in the fight game. He juggles heavy sacks of potatoes every morning while working for his father-in-law, a wholesale merchant, and at three o'clock each afternoon, he goes to the gymnasium for his boxing exercise.

He intends to come to America this fall in the hopes that he can obtain several lucrative bouts and build himself up for a shot with Ray Robinson. The French welter keeps on a strict training diet supervised by his wife. This he does whether he has a fight in view or not.

Rich foods are taboo in his home. He prefers a plain menu, cooked tastily as is all French food and with the aid of his father-in-law's business, Villemain lacks nothing in the way of substantial nourishment. He looks the part when he enters the ring to face a foeman.

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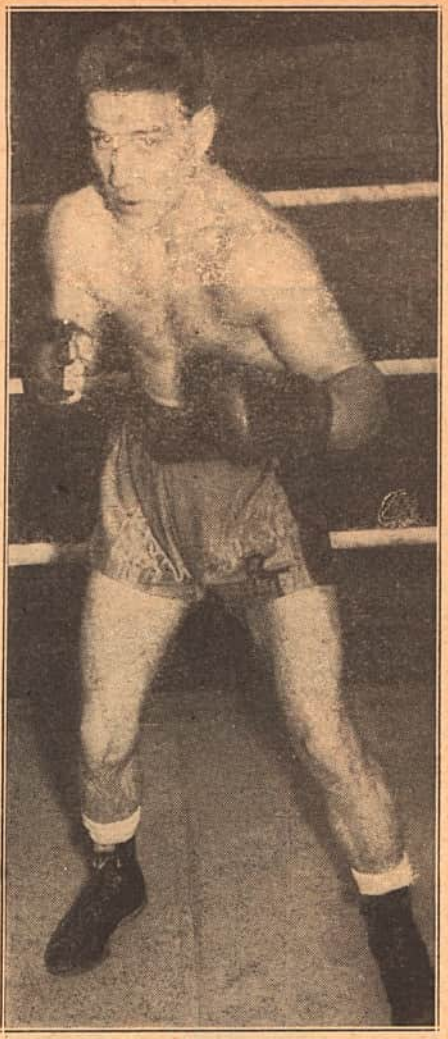
AMONG the British fighters who loomed as best prospects based on American standards of fighting, I liked the O'Sullivan boys, Danny and Dickie. They are the type of club pleasing pugilists who are in action all the time. They can box and can hit and are among the British lads who would do well on the Pacific Coast where boys of their weight are more active than in the East.

I heard a lot about 19-year-old Randolph Turpin and was eager to see him in a bout. The night that I attended one of Jack Solomons' shows, Randolph was billed against Albert Finch who defeated him. In that bout Turpin, highly praised by Joe Louis upon his return to New York, indicated to me that he is an ordinary fighter much like the better class six and eight round pugilists who appear around New York clubs.

He is far from a finished scrapper. He is a long range battler and can be readily hit. He is one of the better crop of European fighters



Billy Thompson, lightweight champion of the British Empire.

Dickie O'Sullivan, British bantam star.

Eric Boon, whose performance against Villemain was a thriller.

developed since the war and with more experience and a little change of style, should make the grade. He is sturdy, strong and rugged.

Randolph is the youngest of three fighting brothers. The "dean" of the clan, also a middleweight, is 28-year-old Dick Turpin, who recently won the British Empire 160-pound title by knocking out Bos Murphy, the New Zealander, in one round in Coventry. The other brother is Jackie Turpin, one of Britain's better featherweights.

Danny O'Sullivan is the better of the O'Sullivan boys. He is a good boxer, excellent hitter and can take a punch. He can mix it when necessary and has an abundance of courage.

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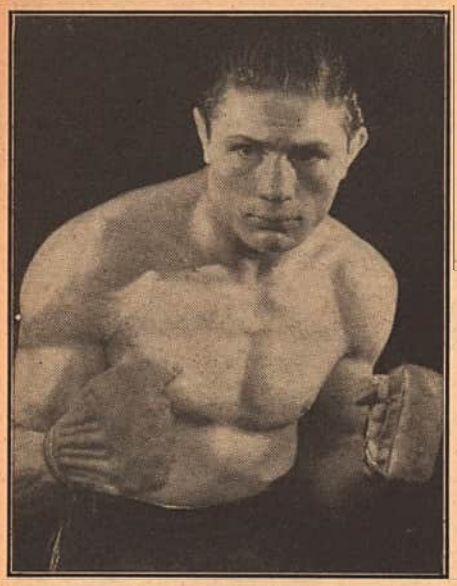
THE best of the French talent is Marcel Cerdan who lost a close tilt a few weeks ago to Delannoit, the Belgian champion. Marcel won that bout though the verdict was against him. In France he is the king of pugilism. Wherever he goes, the kids follow him. Like Babe Ruth in this country, Marcel is the popular idol of the French youngsters. Should he win the world crown, nothing will be too good for him. Only Georges Carpentier among France's fighters has had a greater following than Cerdan.

When I reached Paris, the question asked of me most frequently was whether Marcel had really been signed to fight for the title. That was the most absorbing item of interest to the French scribes.

Next to Marcel, Villemain is the runner up in point of popularity. Then come the Famechon boys, Ray, Emile and Andre, a family of high class fistic talent with Ray as the outstanding member of the trio. They are all in demand.

Laurent Dauthuille, a French middleweight, who will be seen in New York shortly, is one of France's outstanding battlers. He is the nearest approach to the American fighter that I



The youngest and best of the Famechons is Raymond, who recently whipped Britain's Ronnie Clayton for the European 126-pound laurels.

saw during my stay abroad. I watched him in training and was considerably impressed.

Jackie Paterson, who recently lost the flyweight title to Rinty Monaghan, is doing well in the bantam class, a division in which he should have gone long before he engaged in the weight reducing program that finally caused him to lose his crown. As a bantam he appears to be the best in Europe.

Incidentally, Jackie and Peter Kane are the only title holders who have not received a RING belt, due to the fact that it was impossible to purchase any during the war. However, though neither Jackie nor Kane are now title holders, I now have a belt for each and in due time they will receive the award from me, as did Monaghan in Belfast a few weeks ago.

Louis Skena, the newly crowned French flyweight champion, who recently defeated Mustaphaoui for the title, is highly rated by the scribes. He and Sandeyron, the European champion, are listed as the leading challengers for Monaghan's crown. An effort was being made while I was in Paris to have Rinty accept the challenge of Sandeyron for a title bout to be staged in Glasgow. That would be a good bout.

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IN America, Dado Marino and Al Chavez are considered the equal of any of the foreign lads, though Dado lost to Cecil Schoonmaker, who scaled 117 pounds to Dado's 114. As a flyweight Dado is tops. A bout between Marino and Al Chavez would revive interest in the division in this country and in the event Monaghan decides to come to the States, a tilt between him and the winner of a Chavez-Marino mill would draw well in the Garden if backed by a high class undercard, such as Jack Solomons gives his patrons in England.

Monaghan may not be a champion of the calibre of those great little fellows who held the crown in past years, but he is a classy performer in another field and is extremely well liked by the Irish. He can sing well, tap dance and imitate screen stars and when I appeared with him on the stage of a Belfast theatre, I was amazed at the ease with which he entertains. A throng that packed every inch of the spacious theatre, gave Rinty a King's welcome. He received several curtain calls and had to sing five songs before he left to attend a dinner at which I presented THE RING belt to him.

If Rinty toured America before engaging in a title bout, he would be a hit on the stage and in radio appearances, especially in cities with a big Irish population.

Oldest and lightest of the fighting Famechon brothers is Emile, rated one of Europe's best flyweights.

He has what it takes to keep a crowd in good humor.

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IN Jack Solomons the British have a promoter whose every card is a sell out long before the day of a fight. He puts on far better shows than American promoters usually stage. Each of his cards consists either of seven or eight fights in which he has every class represented.

He selects the best boys in each division and pairs them in a manner that gives him not only a well balanced card, but one which is sure to please the patrons. Contenders for championships are placed on the undercard in what are termed by the British Board of Boxing Control as "Eliminators." Thus Solomons doesn't have to depend on his main event to carry the show, because almost every bout is as good as his top event.

For example on one card, Jack paired Freddie Mills with Ken Shaw; Robert Villemain with Eric Boon, Danny O'Sullivan with Jean Jouas; Frank Ronan with Phil Van Niekerk in addition to four other preliminaries.

Imagine the Garden putting on a Boon-Villemain bout as a semi-final! Instead of the $1500 which our boys receive in the Garden for the semi-windup, Eric and Villemain each obtained 1500 pounds or $6000 and O'Sullivan and his opponent, fighting 8 rounds in an elimination affair, received 1000 pounds or $4000 each! Al Phillips, feather king, received $6000 for fighting Malloy. Phillips is a big attraction in London.

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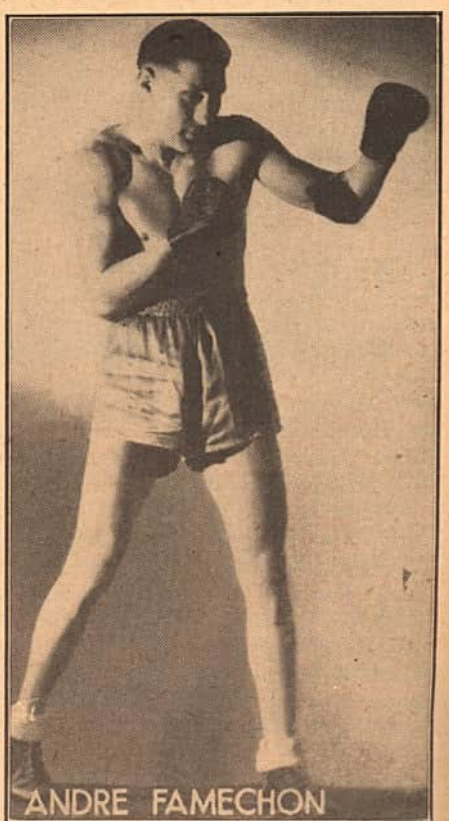
SOLOMONS is a wise promoter. By selecting the cream of the talent in each division for each card, he is able to obtain 4 guineas or $20 tops for his Albert Hall and Harringay Arena shows. Therefore he can well afford to pay the boys handsomely for the minor bouts. The British fans realize that they will see at least several action-packed bouts from among the 16 performers in Jack's show and that's why Solomons has made good as a promoter. He well deserves the success that has been his.

On the day that he announced that he had signed Freddie Mills and Gus Lesnevich for a return championship fight, he was flooded with orders for the top seats at $50 per head. Four days later Solomons had sold out the arena. The fight will gross close to $320,000 and if more seats can be placed at the White City Stadium, the outdoor arena in which the fight is to be held next month, it may gross about $400,000. Freddie is extremely popular in England and so is Lesnevich.

Benny Schmidt, who operates in London



Andre Famechon, the lightweight member of the Famechon clan, has split honors in four battles with Billy Thompson, present European champion.

Leading promoter of the European continent is Gilbert Benaim, who holds forth in the Palais des Sports in Paris.

but on a smaller scale than does Solomons, also calls upon the French trio frequently for help. France has the cream of the boys in the smaller divisions and when paired with the British lads, the spectators usually get their money's worth. Johnny Best continues to pack 'em in at his Liverpool shows where England's best talent is often seen.

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OF all the boxing commissions throughout the world, none has such wide powers as that of the British Board of Boxing Control, a private organization that rules the sport with an iron hand in the British Isles. The organization controls the sport both in the amateur field as well as the professional and so powerful is this body of which Mr. Donmal is secretary, that managers, promoters, fighters and seconds accept the Board's decisions without a murmur.

So unlike the procedure in the States! Not even the most powerful commission in our country, and that means New York, could rule boxing with the firmness displayed by the British Board.

In the language of America, Mr. Donmal is the High Commissioner of Pugilism. Boxers, promoters and managers fear to tread on the toes of the Board members. Statements made against its members usually result in speedy punishment. British laws are strict on libel and many sports writers as well as managers have been sued for heavy damages after criticizing the Control Board too severely. London would be no place for a Dan Parker, Jimmy Cannon or Westbrook Pegler to report fight news.

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THE RING ratings were severely criticized by Mr. Donmal, who thought that we either showed favoritism or didn't know enough about the foreign fighters to warrant rating them. It was his contention that many British boys as well as French are never listed who should be well towards the top and on the other hand, boys who don't belong are rated among the first ten. He also stated that several lads are rated in the wrong division.

I cannot agree with Mr. Donmal on these points. Now and then we do err, but as I pointed out to the British Board's Secretary, often boys we list are defeated two or three weeks after we have gone to press and this must be taken into consideration.

THE RING doesn't reach England until five weeks after press time, and in five weeks much can take place. That's why we place a date line over the rating box to indicate the time limit. On a whole our ratings through the year have proved about 85 percent accurate, an excellent showing.

On the day when I saw Danny O'Sullivan fight at Jack Solomons' Club, my attention was called to the fine fighting qualities of the boy. Mr. Donmal remarked to me that Danny was an excellent prospect.

Sitting next to me was John Lewis, member of the House of Commons, carrying a copy of the latest issue of THE RING, the April number. I asked him to open to page 42 where the ratings were listed. He did so and I pointed to a box, which read: "Danny O'Sullivan, outstanding bantamweight for the month."

Then I called attention to the fact that THE RING was published 3000 miles from England, yet five weeks before I saw Danny fight, I had him listed as the best prospect in his division. This rather surprised Mr. Donmal, to whom I remarked:

"You see, we have a good correspondent here. He tipped me off on Danny many weeks ago. I don't have to see him to rate him."

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ENGLAND has good club fighters but with few exceptions, our boys surpass the British as well as the French in fighting qualities. They are more aggressive, do far more infighting and can take a punch better than can the British.

As for Mr. Donmal's contention that our ratings were far off, I was particularly pleased to note that Freddie Mills, Al Phillips, Dickie and Danny O'Sullivan, Robert Villemain, Eric Boon and Charley Squire, among other boys who from time to time have been ranked among the first ten in THE RING, proved that our rating of world boxers stands the test pretty well. With few exceptions, American boys are superior to the British and it would be an injustice to toss them out of the first ten

Planning an American trip shortly is Jo Weidin, Viennese heavyweight, who has established himself as the best of Europe's big fellows.

Rated as top contender for world flyweight title is Maurice Sandeyron of France, holder of the European crown.

to make room for foreign champions simply because they are title holders in their native land. Our rankings are international—not local or territorial and are accepted as the best, throughout the world. A fighter rated in THE RING is sure of lucrative work.

Boxing has a sturdy supporter in Parliament in John Lewis of the Labor Party. He is the man who forced the lifting of the ban on Negro fighters so far as championships are concerned and he is the one to whom boxers and club owners appeal when help is needed. John Lewis has made the House of Commons boxing conscious and the sport can rely on him for support whenever aid is required.

Boxing is in a healthy condition in England despite the fact that, as in America promoters must depend on veterans to keep the pot boiling. But some good youngsters are coming to the fore and it won't be long before they make the grade and will push the veterans out of the picture.

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IN France, Gilbert Benaim, who acts as promoter for Sal Wagram and the Palais des Sports, like Solomons, is wise as a crowd pleaser. Gilbert, who did considerable promoting for the Army during the last war and helped stage bouts for the inter-allied servicemen in Africa, does the booking not only for France, but for clubs in Spain, Belgium, Scandinavia and Holland. A working agreement with Solomons enables Gilbert to bring England's best fighters to France and in turn, Benaim, and the managers of Marcel Cerdan, Lucien Roupp and Jo Longman, who work with Benaim, supply France's best talent to Solomons.

Benaim is on the continent what Jack Solomons is to boxing in the British Isles. So thoroughly versed is Gilbert in things pugilistic that he is in complete control of the important post of what might be termed "Continental Europe's matchmaker." Years ago, when Jeff Dickson was the recognized Tex Rickard of Europe, Benaim was his associate and aid. He, more than any other European, is responsible for bringing to the front a corps of young talent, boys who in the few years since the last war ended, have made the continent boxing conscious.

France has an excellent combination in Lucien Roupp, Jo Longman and Gilbert Benaim, a trio who have put their country back on the fistic map.

ZALE THRILLS *in* KAYO ROLE

By NAT FLEISCHER

BOXING'S most thrilling knockout since Joe Louis battered Max Schmeling into submission back in 1938, was scored by Tony Zale, the two-fisted thirty-four year old steel miller from Gary, Indiana, when he regained the world middleweight title from Rocky Graziano at Ruppert's Stadium in Newark, New Jersey, in 1:08 of the third round. The kayo was more sensational than the one Tony gained over the same Rocky at the Yankee Stadium in their first engagement or the one which New York's bad boy tallied when he won the crown from Zale in Chicago. It was a clean cut knockout that laid the defending title holder flat on his back, and Referee Paul Cavalier could have counted 100 before he could have gotten a stir out of the defeated champion.

As a fight, the rubber contest was equally as furious as its predecessors, though of shorter duration. Zale, who had suffered severely in the sweltering heat of the Chicago Stadium last year, found the cool breezes of the Jersey Meadows acting as a tonic.

It was a case of fighting with him and he let go his attack, exactly as he had planned. Shortly after the first minute of the opening session, Tony connected with a wallop that had Graziano on the canvas. As official knockdown timer I had counted three when Rocky was on his feet though he started to rise at the two count. From then on the spectators, 20,255 of them, who had paid a gross of $306,100.10, were tensed for what they were certain would be a repetition of the two preceding battles and they were not disappointed.

By his victory, Zale upset a middleweight record that had been standing since November 26, 1908, when the great Stanley Ketchel knocked out his former conqueror, Billy Papke, in the eleventh round in San Francisco to regain the world middleweight title. Since then the Gary steelman is the lone warrior to repeat Ketchel's stunt. Zale had won the title on November 28, 1941, and lost it on July 6, 1947.

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UNDER the paralyzing blows of the Hoosier, Graziano on several occasions prior to the knockout was on the verge of collapse. The cockiness he displayed as he entered the ring and during the time that the ring introductions were made, was soon battered out of him. His thirty-four year old opponent, an underdog in the betting, was out to prove that it was the heat and not Rocky's superiority that caused Tony to lose his crown in Chicago and he succeeded in no uncertain manner.

Only in the second round did Rocky give a good account of himself. In that session he had the challenger considerably worried with a slam-bang attack that made Zale's knees buckle. But at all other times it was Tony, out to regain lost laurels, who took the play away from the champion and stood out like the million dollar fighter he is. Throughout the contest he displayed much of the dashing, slashing, destructive battering style of Ketchel, the man who forty years ago had accomplished what the Hoosier fighter did in his third engagement with Graziano.

The hands of the victor, Tony Zale, raised by Jack Addee, announcer (left), and Ray Arcel, trainer. Art Winch, veteran trainer and co-manager with Sam Pian of Tony Zale, stands on the victor's left.

It was an upset such as few who had followed the training of the rivals had expected, and by his victory, Zale gained a place among the Immortals in the middleweight division, a section of boxing that has among its honor men, names that stand out among the greatest in boxing history. When the battle was over, Tony was unmarked but the defeated champion had the claret flowing from mouth and nose and from a slight cut over the left eye. When Rocky came to after an examination by the commission doctor, he left the ring on shaky legs.

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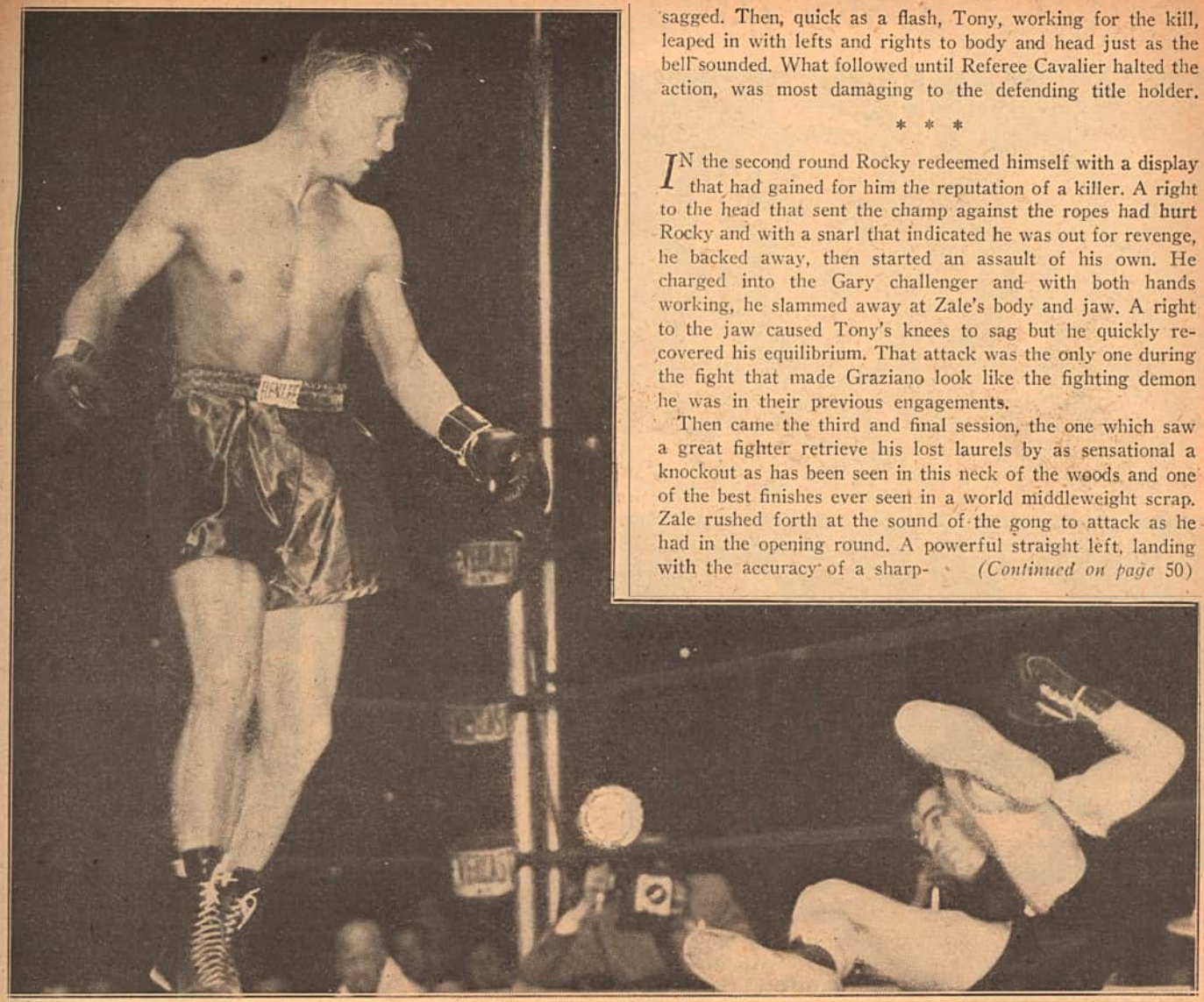
THOUGH Andy Neiderreiter, who promoted the fight for the Tournament of Champions, Inc., did a splendid job, he overlooked one thing that proved costly to the defeated title holder—furnishing the timekeeper with a gong that could be heard. As a result of this, Graziano received several punches during the eight seconds of overtime fighting at the end of the opening round that undoubtedly played a part in his defeat. One of the most crushing blows of the fight came during that period when a right under the heart, a murderous punch, almost toppled Rocky. Six punches were landed in those eight seconds, and four of these hit the mark with effectiveness on Graziano's body before the attention of Referee Paul Cavalier could be called to the fact that the round had ended. It wasn't his fault nor that of the official timekeeper who kept pounding at the bell but in the din, the bell could not be heard either by the third man in the ring or the fighters.

In that brief assault Zale paved the way for what was to follow shortly after. The punches had their effect on the defending title holder who tried to fight back but couldn't, but the little battle after the gong had sounded was unavoidable and judging by Zale's condition and fighting spirit, the result of the fight would eventually have been the same regardless of the extra milling.

In that opening round Rocky weathered a snarling attack by his opponent. Rushed to the ropes by a left to the body and a



A sizzling left hook to the jaw sends Graziano crashing to the canvas near his own corner midway through the first round. Though Rocky was up at three, that punch was to prove a decisive one. It seemed to take a lot of confidence out of the champion, while giving Zale increased self-assurance.

corking left to the head that jarred him, the New Yorker tried to evade a further attack by sidestepping, but Zale kept at him with a two-fisted battering that shook up the champion.

Then came a solid left to the jaw followed by a right and Rocky hit the rosin dust. He started up at the count of two, though he didn't get off the floor until I had counted three, and from that moment, it appeared that Graziano was aware that he was meeting his master in this, their rubber mill. Zale never let up the attack. He set sailing after the champ and let go lefts and rights with sizzling effect. A pitiless fire ensued during which the champ was at the mercy of the challenger.

Zale's left hook was working with perfection. One crashed against Rocky's jaw and his knees sagged. Then, quick as a flash, Tony, working for the kill, leaped in with lefts and rights to body and head just as the bell sounded. What followed until Referee Cavalier halted the action, was most damaging to the defending title holder.

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IN the second round Rocky redeemed himself with a display that had gained for him the reputation of a killer. A right to the head that sent the champ against the ropes had hurt Rocky and with a snarl that indicated he was out for revenge, he backed away, then started an assault of his own. He charged into the Gary challenger and with both hands working, he slammed away at Zale's body and jaw. A right to the jaw caused Tony's knees to sag but he quickly recovered his equilibrium. That attack was the only one during the fight that made Graziano look like the fighting demon he was in their previous engagements.

Then came the third and final session, the one which saw a great fighter retrieve his lost laurels by as sensational a knockout as has been seen in this neck of the woods and one of the best finishes ever seen in a world middleweight scrap. Zale rushed forth at the sound of the gong to attack as he had in the opening round. A powerful straight left, landing with the accuracy of a sharp-

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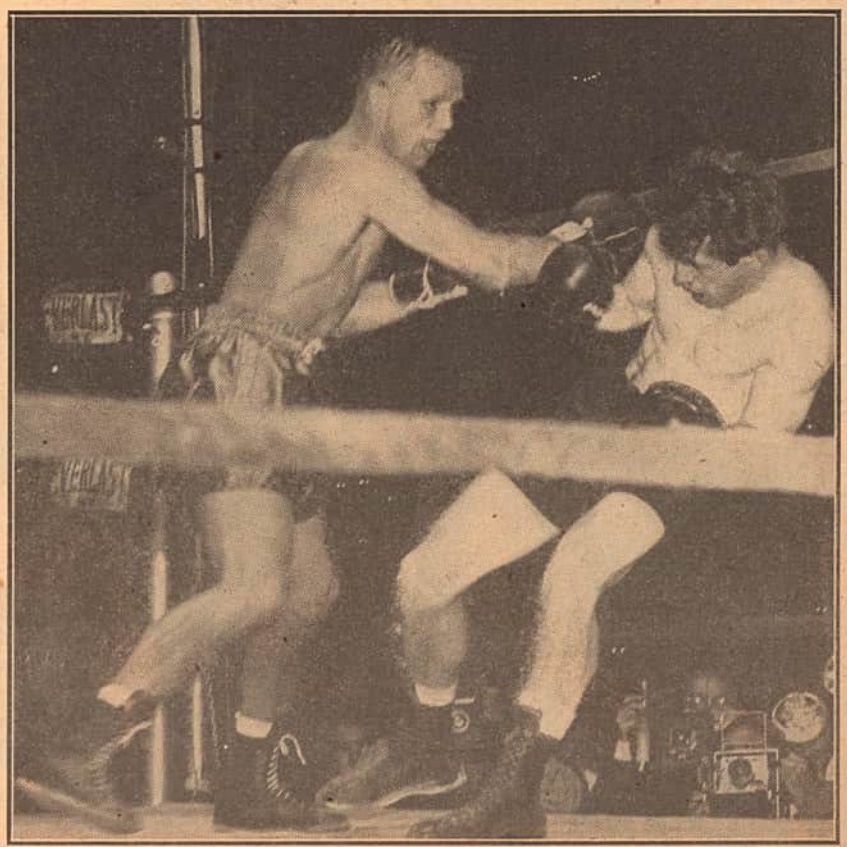
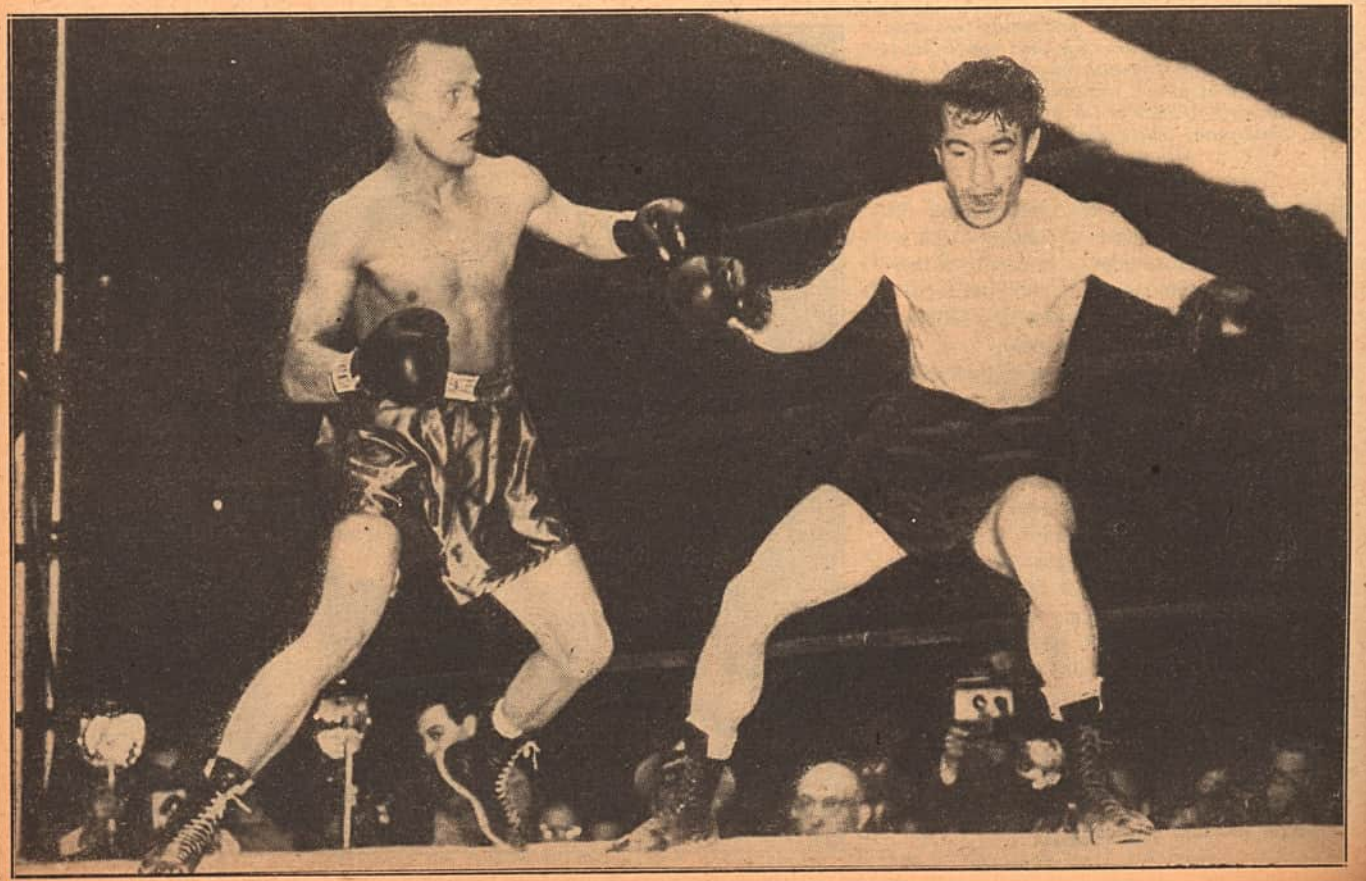
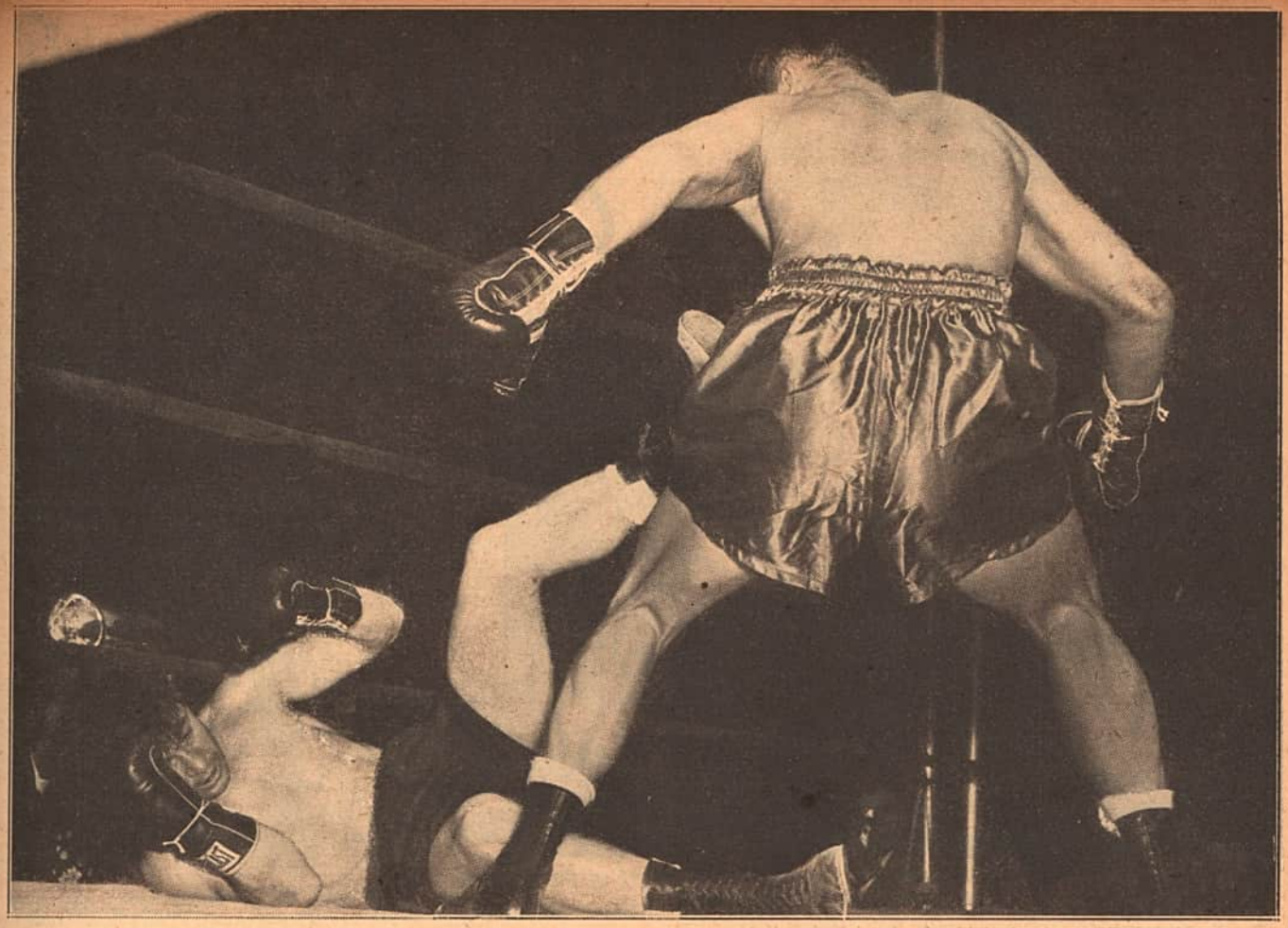


Following a furious exchange on the ropes, a vicious right to the jaw and jolting left hook to the chin starts Graziano on his way down for his first trip to the floor in the third. Badly hurt by the punches, Rocky staggered up at seven, but was unable to hold off Zale's next and final assault.

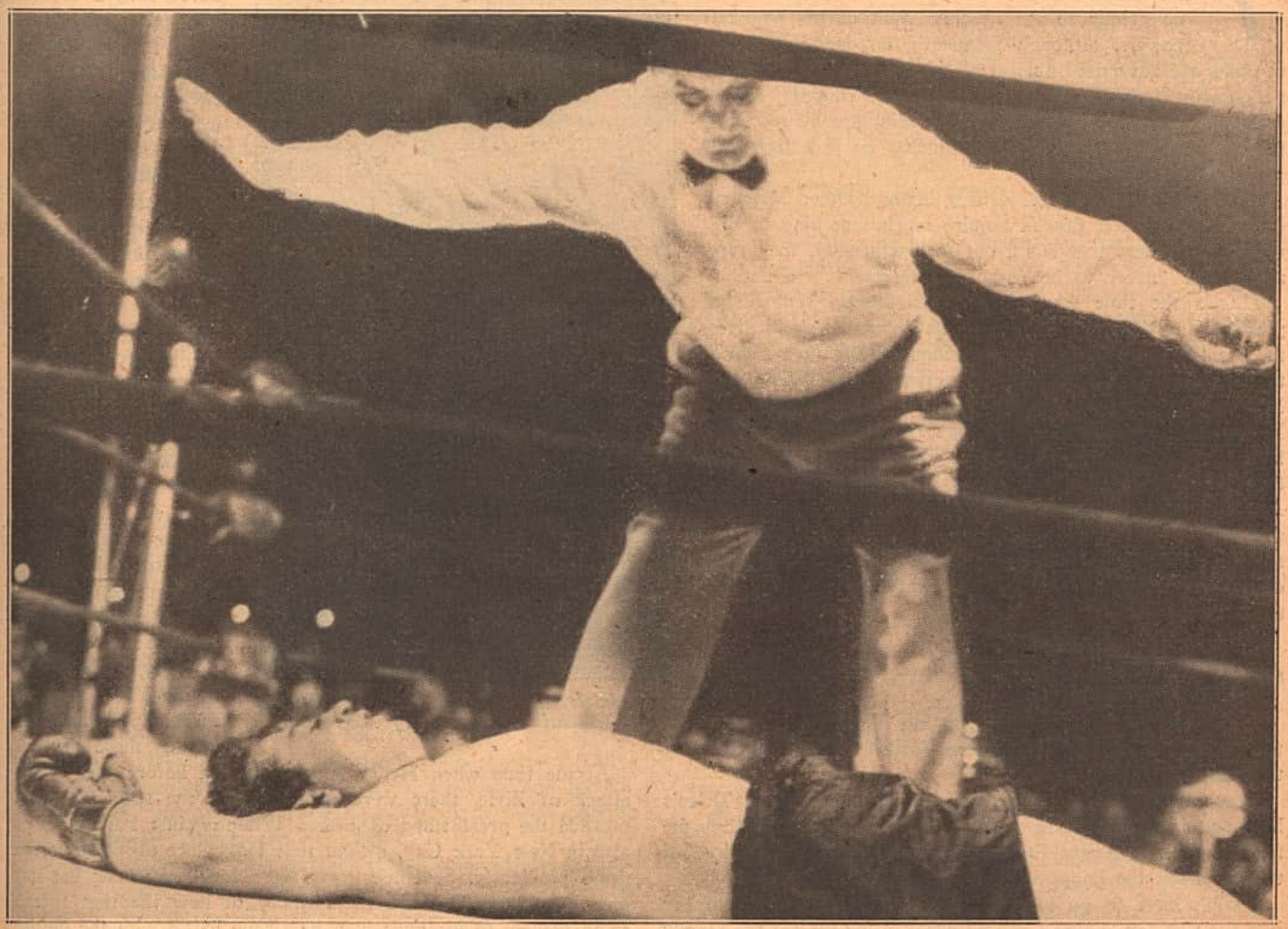
Final Blows *as* Tony Regains Title

(Above)—The Magic Eye shows how Zale battered Graziano into submission in the third round to regain the middleweight crown. The kayo came in 1:08. At the extreme left, Rocky is seen getting in his final punch of the fight. (Below)—Zale preparing Rocky for the "kill" with a right to the head. A left followed and put Graziano away.





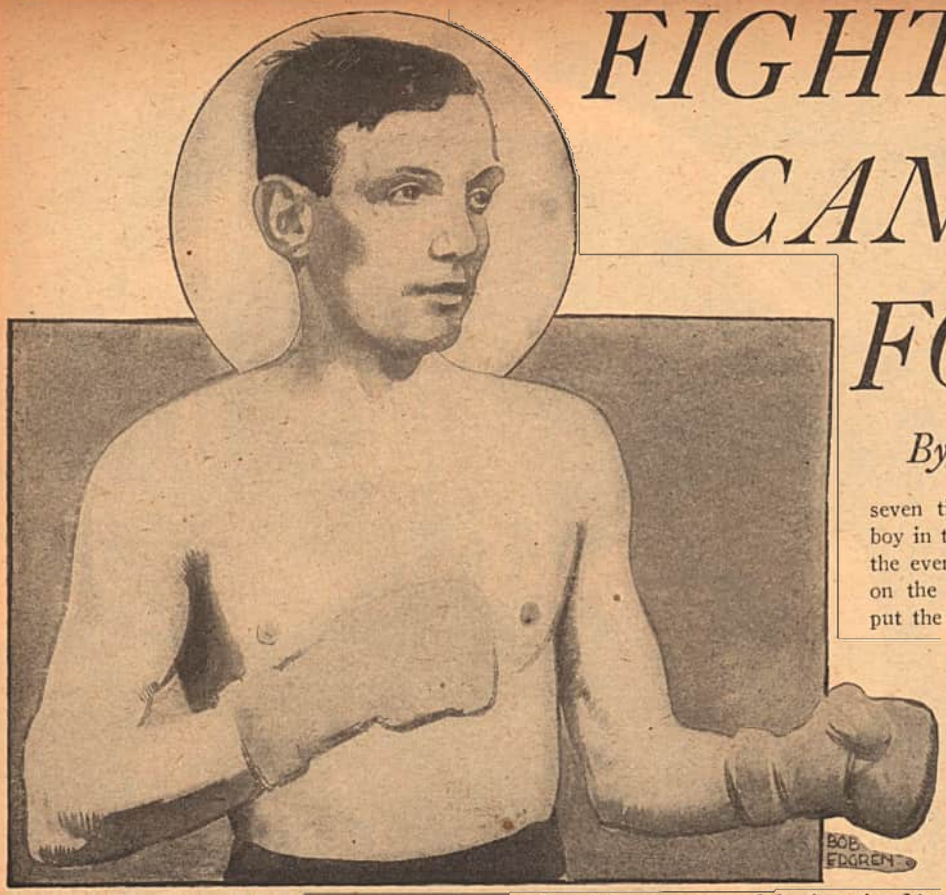
Rocky Graziano is dropped for seven in the 3rd. Seconds later, Zale cuts loose with a barrage to end the fight.



The end of a champion! Subjected to terrific punishment, Graziano passes out of the picture. Reeling and groggy, Rocky tried desperately to fight back, but could not cope with Zale's thunderous punching. Here he is counted out in 1:08 of the third.

FIGHTS ONE CANNOT FORGET

By THE OLD TIMER



Jimmy Wilde, a fighter who will always be remembered by American fight fans for his thrilling mill with Pancho Villa.

THERE'S an undeniable fascination for the onlookers in a battle where the beaten man carries on grimly to the absolute limit of his physical powers, although frequently he doesn't succeed in going the advertised number of rounds. That is why one temporarily forgets gallantly fought ring contests where decisions on points were rendered but retains vivid recollections of desperate bruising mills winding up in a technical or actual knockout.

Let's turn back the pages of ring history. Down Memory Lane we go and it doesn't require much searching to dig up many thrillers that stand out so prominently, they rate among the "never to be forgotten" fights.

There's the time when Henry Armstrong went down gloriously to defeat in his second battle with Fritzie Zivic to lose the world welterweight championship; then there's the sensational battle between the great Jimmy Wilde and Pancho Villa; the famous mill between Mickey Walker and Harry Greb and that between the Toy Bulldog and Dave Shade, each a title contest; the cyclonic struggle between Stanley Ketchel and Joe Thomas in which the Michigan Assassin knocked Joe out in the thirty-second round and the final stand of George Dixon against the terrific onslaughts of Terrible Terry McGovern. These fights among other such outstanding battles is what makes boxing the sport of sports.

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BUT these only scratch the surface. There are enough such fights to fill a book.

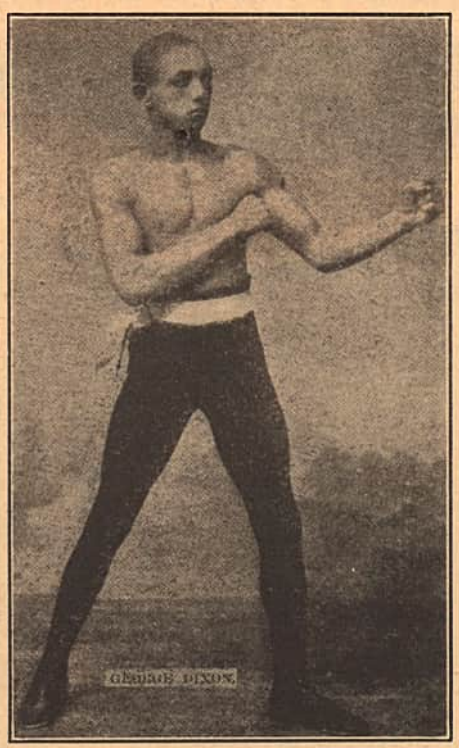
Who among the old timers who saw Willie Lewis take the measure of Joe Gans in the old Garden will ever forget that thriller?

How many of those who saw Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's head rest in the resin box at the old National Sporting Club the night that Jack fought Stanley Ketchel, will ever get tired of talking about the happenings that evening?

I don't have to go back to my reporter's notebook to dig into the past for "fights I can't forget." They remain too vividly impressed on my mind.

On the night that Marcel Cerdan put Laverne Roach down seven times and halted the Plainview, Texas, boy in the eighth round, there came to my mind the evening in the old Dry Dock Athletic Club on the lower East Side when big Jim Barry put the durable Philadelphian, Joe Grim, down eighteen times yet couldn't stop him in a six round mill.

And there was the night in the old Garden when Terry McGovern and Jimmy Britt thrilled a packed arena with one of the hardest, toughest battles seen in the Big City, a contest which went the limit of ten rounds but sent the gathering home raving over the milling to which they had been treated.



George Dixon who made a magnificent "last stand" against Terry McGovern.

Those are the kind of fights that people never forget. It isn't only the kayo that leaves the everlasting impression. It's the thrill that counts whether in a decision mill or a struggle that ends with a sensational knockout.

It doesn't take much among the veterans of fistic affairs to get into a huddle and rehash, often with accompanying gestures, the fights that have made ring history. When Knockout Brown is mentioned, the bout this great gladiator had with Ad Wolgast is the one most frequently discussed. Why? Because the entertainment he and Ad furnished at the National Sporting Club was so thrilling, one couldn't forget it if he had been among those present.

At the time when Henry Armstrong fell before the vicious attack of Zivic, there were many among the spectators who recalled the great stand of Jimmy Wilde against Pancho Villa, also in New York City, a fight that took place about seventeen years previously. Seventeen years is a long way back but not long enough to blot out the memory of how the tiny Briton stood gamely to his guns in a hurricane battle with the deadly Oriental puncher, Pancho Villa.

In his prime Wilde, as has been truthfully said of Armstrong,

Jack Dempsey, whose fights with Gene Tunney and Luis Firpo were history making mills.

was one of the best scrappers, inch for inch and pound for pound that the ring has ever known. The bout with Villa was for the world's flyweight title, then held by the English lad. Jimmy was of frail build in appearance, yet possessed of extraordinary hitting powers and a scientist of the highest order.

Wilde thought nothing of giving away pounds of weight and winning, when he was in topnotch form. But he was slipping fast when he tackled Villa, a fact which became obvious before the bout was two rounds old. Villa, a dynamic combination of speed and strength, took all Wilde could hand out, and came back for more. Surely and steadily the American wore down the British boy.

In the fourth and fifth rounds the sting had gone out of Jimmy's punches and Villa was battering him mercilessly. Both of Wilde's eyes were closing and his face was a crimson mask, yet like a badly gaffed bantam rooster he staggered toward Villa, still striking forth feebly. In the sixth round Referee Patsy Haley stepped over to Wilde's corner and suggested that their man ought to quit.

Wilde looked up at Patsy as his seconds sponged his bleeding face, and shook his head. Jimmy's chief second answered:

"He won't quit. He's a champion, and he must go down like one. Villa must knock him out to win!"

So in the seventh round Wilde staggered forward to meet his foe. Villa cut loose with a volley of wallops, Jimmy pawing back aimlessly. Villa shot a right hook to the jaw and Wilde fell face downward. There was no need to count. His handlers leaped into the ring and carried him to his corner. A champion had run true to form!

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WHEN Henry Armstrong won the featherweight championship some of the sport scribes referred to him as a "second George Dixon." That was complimentary and in a sense true in so far as his being a real champ went. But it was only Henry's cyclonic style and disregard of punishment that put him in the McGovern category.

No two fighters ever lived whose ring strategy differed more than that of Armstrong and Dixon. George could punch, make no mistake about that, his long record was studded with scored knockouts. But he was a polished boxer, who sparred craftily, lured his foemen into giving him desired openings and though he could mix with the best of them, never, if he could help it, took unnecessary punishment.

Which explains why, despite the fact that he lived rather carelessly and was convivial in his habits, Dixon put in such a long period of ring service. He started fighting in 1886, had been fighting continuously for fourteen years when McGovern defeated him for the featherweight championship, and twenty years elapsed before he quit the ring. His last contest, in which he lost a fifteen round decision to Monk Newsboy, took place December 10, 1906.

After McGovern took his title Dixon didn't retire, but, while he won a few decisions, he was pretty well relegated to the has-been class. But a fourteen-year record as a topnotcher in pugilism isn't anything to be sneered at. Armstrong, with little more than eight professional years behind him, is burned out and through.

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FIGHTERS who absorb punishment as Armstrong was wont to do, and are willing to stand toe-to-toe slugging it out with opponents cannot expect to last as long as careful scrappers who don't habitually resort to that sort of milling.

However Armstrong and Dixon may have differed in some respects, they were alike in one—Dixon in losing his title, and Henry in an attempt to regain his, were heroes of unforgettable battles. Each was "stopped," neither was kayoed cold.

Armstrong was rescued from being finished off by Referee Arthur Donovan. In Dixon's case his manager, Tom O'Rourke, intervened, when George was toppling on disaster's verge in the eighth round.

When Dixon was defeated by the terrific onslaughts of "Terrible" Terry McGovern, "Little Chocolate," as Dixon was called, strove against the inevitable with all the resources of his fine science and long experience in the ring. Like Armstrong against Zivic, Dixon made a magnificent "last-stand." Battered, bleeding and exhausted, he fought on with unflinching courage. The end was nearly in sight, with McGovern charging in furiously for the kill, when O'Rourke made good on his promise by throwing up the sponge, and the world hailed a new featherweight champion in the person of the famous young slugger from Brooklyn.

Twice whipped by Young Corbett, first in one round at Hartford, Conn., in 1901, and again in eleven at San Francisco, in 1903. McGovern's initial defeat came as almost as big a shock-surprise to ring followers as did the encounter in which Gene Tunney annexed Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown.

As in Dempsey's case, most fight fans had come to look upon "Terrible Terry" as practically invincible in his class. It has always been, and always will be that way where a really great fighter is concerned. On each occasion Corbett knocked him out, but McGovern fought to the bitter end with the bulldog fury and gameness which had always distinguished him in the ring.

Black tragedy loomed in the background for Joe Gans when he lost the lightweight title to Battling Nelson by a clean kayo at San Francisco on July 4, 1908. The Baltimore Negro champion took the count in the seventeenth round, after a battle in which the battler's iron endurance and insensibility to punishment offset the rare skill and generalship of his talented opponent.

Gans wasn't satisfied that Nelson was his superior, any more than was Armstrong that Zivic held the whip-hand over him. Joe tried again a few months later, this time at Colma, and the Dane repeated, kayoing Gans in 21 rounds. The second fight was remarkable for the almost superhuman efforts made by Gans to turn the tide of defeat. It was a heroic "last-stand" performance on Gans' part which deserves an imperishable place in pugilistic annals.

Its tragedy lies in the fact that in training down to meet the demands of that astute bargainer, Billy Nolan, manager of Nelson, the terrific strain sapped Joe's constitution to such an extent that he contracted tuberculosis, from the effects of which he finally died in 1910, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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A FIGHT that will live forever in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to see it, was the hectic mill between Stanley Ketchel and Joe Thomas. Their second engagement is one long to be remembered. What a fight that was!

Ketchel kept tearing in, swinging and hooking, with Thomas standing up and meeting him coming in with straight arm punches. Time and again Ketchel crowded in close and ripped in the

terrific body blows that made him so famous. Thomas set himself and shot clean punches to head and body but still Stanley kept coming.

It was not until the ninth round that the first knockdown was, scored, despite the fact each had punished the other severely. In the ninth, Ketchel hooked a terrific left to the head. It missed the jaw and landed on the cheek bone, but it floored Thomas. Joe wasn't badly hurt but he was wary and wisely took a count of nine. His head was clear when he arose and he stood Ketchel off.

The fight went on round after round with Ketchel crowding Thomas about the ring and Joe pumping in his clean, snappy punches on his charging opponent. The pair were in wonderful trim and kept fighting at a lightning clip. Thomas was a better ring general and he foxily was saving something while Ketchel kept fighting like a wildcat all the time. From bell to bell and round to round the boys kept at it while everyone marvelled at their stamina, endurance and courage.

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IT was an even thing up to the twenty-fifth round. Ketchel's bulldog aggressiveness was counterbalanced by Thomas' science and cleverness. Each landed hard and often. Each frequently was staggered and jarred but they refused to flop.

Henry Armstrong who fell before a vicious attack by Fritzie Zivic.

As Ketchel came charging at Thomas in the twenty-ninth, Joe set himself and put all his weight behind a right hand smash flush to the jaw. It knocked Stanley flat. It looked like it was all over. At seven, however, Ketchel crawled up on one knee and tottered to his feet just before the timekeeper reached ten. In bouts on the Coast in those days the timekeeper, not the referee, did the counting. Ketchel pulled himself together and stood toe-to-toe slugging with Thomas during the remainder of the round.

Thomas at that stage appeared to be the winner. He had been saving himself a little and had not been wasting his blows like Ketchel. But Joe lost confidence when he saw Stanley get up and mix it with him after Joe apparently had knocked him cold.

Joe continued to outpoint Ketchel in the thirtieth and thirty-first rounds but Thomas was all in and sticking only on his nerve and ring generalship. Ketchel kept crowding in with apparently undiminished vigor.

Early in the thirty-second round Ketchel, still tearing in like a runaway cyclone and blazing away with both hands, hooked a terrific left to the stomach and landed on the jaw with a curling right hand swing. The twin punches sent Thomas reeling to the ropes where he hung suspended, limp as a rag, mouth open, eyes glazed and dead to the world.

Thomas' seconds saw Joe's condition and into the ring came the saving towel. It only stopped the formality of the count for Thomas was out on his feet and a hundred could have been counted over him. Harry Foley, his handler, jumped into the ring and carried Thomas to his corner.

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THE historic "last stand" of John L. Sullivan against James J. Corbett at New Orleans in 1892 would have been lacking in the spectacular element had Sullivan merely lost the heavyweight championship on a fifteen round decision. Nor, it is safe to say, would a majority of the spectators have been satisfied.

For there was real drama when "John L." was beaten down and out in the 21st frame, drama enhanced by the blood-stained loser, when he leaned his bulky form on the ropes and assured the awed crowd in his thunderous bass voice that he was glad the championship title remained in America.

Bob Fitzsimmons went down and out in traditional "champion" style when Jeffries became heavyweight monarch in 1899 by kayoing the freckled wonder. Until he was put down for good in the eleventh round, Fitzsimmons stood up under a bombardment that would have made a less-lion-hearted gladiator take the easy way out. But there never was any "quit" stuff in Bob's makeup, he wasn't built that way, and he didn't stop trying until the fatal "ten" was counted over him.

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BUT in point of spectacular realism Fitz's second contest with Jeffries at San Francisco in 1902, was miles ahead of the first meeting. Bob was out to regain his title, he had trained himself to a hair, and no bull terrier in a pit ever worried an opponent with such desperate savagery as the ex-Australian did on that momentous occasion.

For seven rounds he pounded the huge Jeffries vindictively. Jeff kept coming on, Bob fought him "on the retreat," countering repeatedly, slashing his face with a hail of hooks, jabs and uppercuts. Jeffries was looking just to get in one solid wallop.

Both the big fellow's eyes were closing, but he bored in persistently, and in the eighth round got home with a body blow that doubled Fitz up. Jeff followed with his famous left hook on the jaw, and Bob fell, to be counted out.

Fitz's last stand against Jeffries was assuredly a pugilistic peach!

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STILL another "never-to-be-forgotten" contest was that between Ketchel and Jack Johnson at Cofforth's Arena in California on October 16, 1909, a mill that ended with the great Stanley, then world middleweight champion, stretched out lengthwise on the canvas in the twelfth round.

The climax of the fight was crowded into thirty-four seconds. Prior to what proved to be the last round, there had been little on which one could forecast the ultimate winner. Shortly after the bell sounded for the twelfth, the men rushed into a clinch in the center of the ring and then wrestled to Johnson's corner. Ketchel drove a right at Johnson's lowered head. Jack ducked and the blow landed behind his ear. He fell from that punch and landed heavily on the floor. He was hurt, but got to his feet, while Ketchel backed to the ropes with a faint smile on his battered, blood-streaked face.

Johnson rose slowly as though dazed but actually he was fully aware of what was going on and kept his eyes glued on his opponent. As he straightened to his knees, he looked up at Ketchel and like a wild beast he leaped forward across the ten feet that separated them and his right fist crashed against Ketchel's jaw. His left followed quickly to the stomach and his right caught Ketchel again as he reeled forward to fall.

Fall he did! He dropped like a log and Johnson, unable to check his rush, sprawled across the beaten rival's legs and fell full length himself.

The Negro sprang to his feet but Ketchel was out!

Once as the seconds were being *(Continued on page 36)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Cerdan Loses Chance at World Title Fight

Commissions Act to Curb Ring Fatalities

Willie Ritchie Suggests No-Decision Bouts

THE surprise defeat of Marcel Cerdan by Cyrille Delannoit in Brussels, upset the applecart so far as a summer middleweight championship bout for the Frenchman is concerned. Before Marcel left for his home several months ago, following his knockout of Laverne Roach in the Garden, he had signed a tentative agreement to fight the winner of the Zale-Graziano battle with the world title at stake. Now his defeat by Delannoit, though from all accounts it appears Marcel was the victim of a very poor decision, makes it necessary for Cerdan to regain his lost prestige before he gets a crack at the crown.

He and Delannoit have been re-signed to engage in a return bout shortly, and if Cerdan can turn the tables on his rival, he undoubtedly will receive first call for the championship contest. Delannoit has turned thumbs down on a fight with Ray Robinson offered to him by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and in view of the defeat of Cerdan, Ray is hot on the trail of the Graziano-Zale winner and may yet land the plum.

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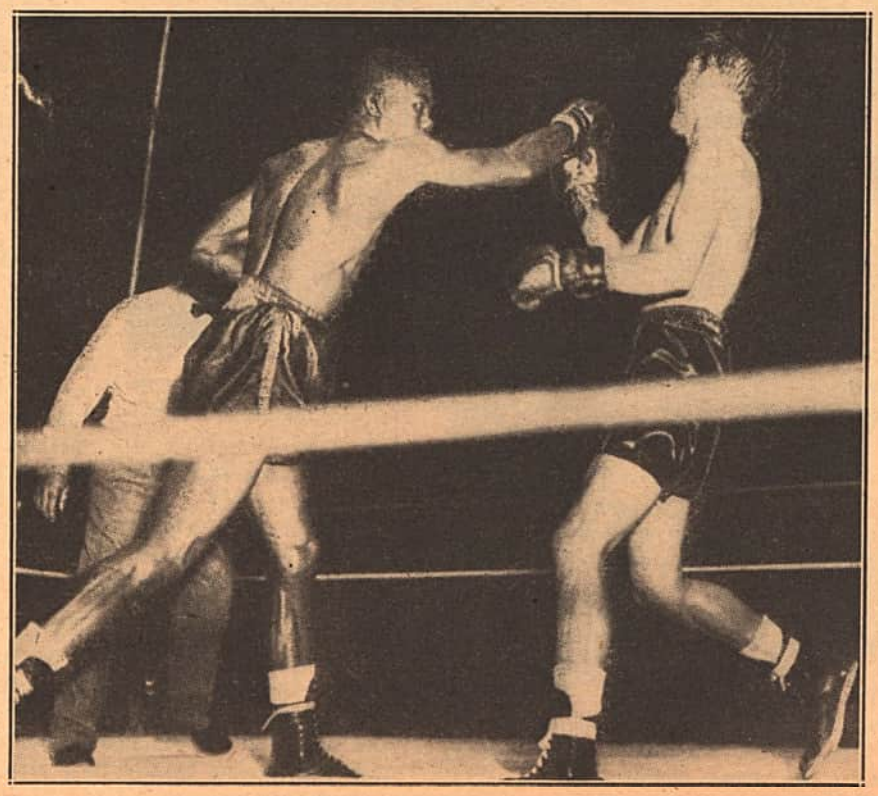
THE sad case of Jim Cully, so called "Irish Champion", indicates to what extent some fight managers and booking agents will go to put one over on the public regardless of the injury they may do to the sport in which they are making a living. When Cully came to the States he was touted to the skies by his mentors, though he had engaged in only two fights in his native land, one of which he won and in the other, he suffered a knockout. He was "discovered" by Gerald Egan when Cully worked as a doorman at a circus and Gerald immediately decided that because of Cully's 7 feet, 2 inches, Jim would be good for exploitation in the fight business. Whereupon after three weeks of training, Cully was pitted against an unknown, Butcher Boy Howell, whom Jim knocked out by striking the butcher on the Adam's apple. In his next engagement against Cris Cole, another novice, Cully was floored three times in the opening round and was counted out in that session, while draped over the ropes, his hands touching the ring apron. That knockout made Jim Cully the "Irish heavyweight champion," and he was quickly shipped to the United States as such, where his mentors figured that the gullible "saps" would pay heavily to see the Irishman in action.

Cully in his first U. S. bout against Wally Baden at the Jamaica Club of New York, scored a one-round kayo with the help of his opponent. Then came some clever machinations in billing Cully for a Buffalo fight, but fortunately, the New York Commission, through its up-state representative, Deputy Commissioner Butch Lauser, tossed out several suggested "unknowns" listed as possible adversaries among them Tommy Roach, who was scheduled to fight under the name of Tommy Ryan; Joe Martin, an inactive Scranton heavyweight; Tony Iacovacci, who said he sometimes fought under the name of Martin. Finally a youngster, named Red Pierce, just out of the amateurs and who had engaged in only two pro contests, was accepted by the board as a fit opponent for Cully.

Cully floored Pierce twice and pushed him to the mat once in the opening round but Red, crawling under Cully's spread legs, got to his feet and tried to make a fight of it. In the second session he threw an overhand right to Cully's jaw that shook the giant Irishman and another right broke Cully's nose. He became bewildered and a third right crashed against Jim's protruding chin and dropped him for a count of nine.

Then came his finish in the third round when Cully went down for a count of eight and again for a count of nine before the bout was halted by the referee. With that kayo, came a message for all hands to report for a hearing before the Boxing Commission. Cully will return to his native Emerald Isle a sadder but wiser Irishman.

Governor Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts, signed a bill a few weeks ago which sets up a minimum and maximum age for both amateur



A scene in the championship fight between Ike Williams, world lightweight king, and Enrique Bolanos at Los Angeles, in which Williams retained the crown in a split decision. Frankie Van and Johnny Indrisano, judges, voted for the champ, and Referee Randolph handed it to the challenger. 28,000 fans paid $152,000 to see the mill.

and professional fighters in the Bay State. No amateur under the age of seventeen can obtain a license and no professional under the age of eighteen. Boxers who have reached their thirty-fifth birthday must turn in their license. No one over that age will be permitted hereafter to ply his trade in Massachusetts.

In New York the age limit is thirty-eight though no fighter that old has appeared in a ring for many years. Jack Britton was the last to fight at that age in the Empire State. In fact he continued, under special dispensation, to ply his trade in New York until he was close to 45 years.

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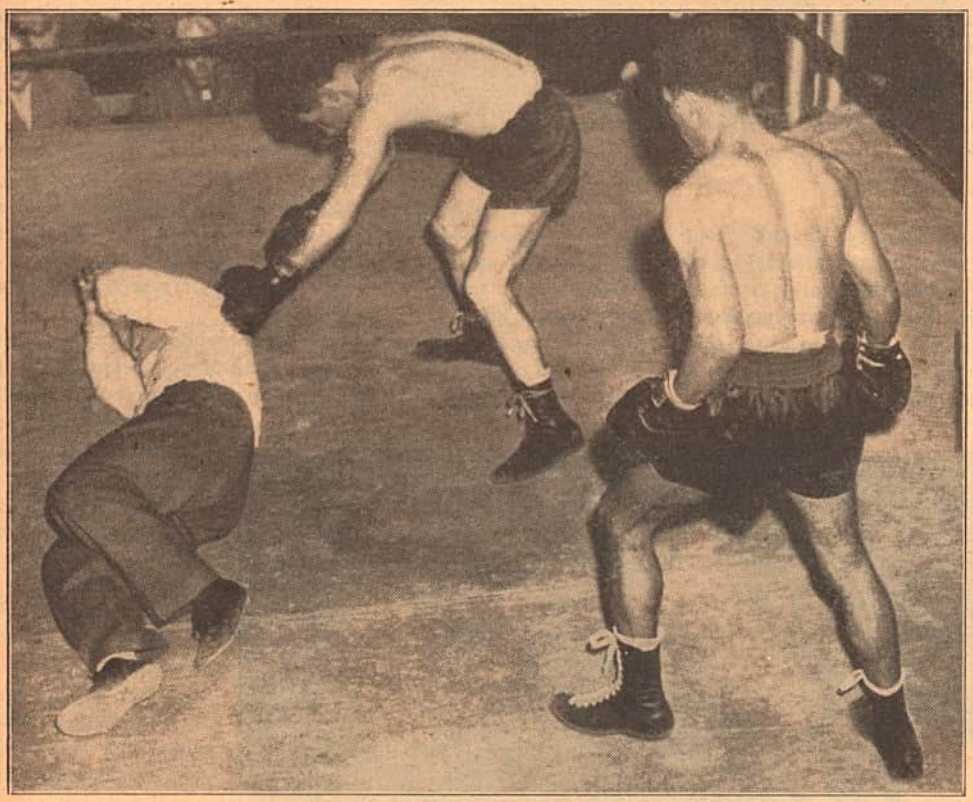
A SURPRISE statement by Willie Ritchie, former world lightweight king, now chief inspector of the California State Boxing Commission, caused quite a furore in boxing circles. Ritchie recommended that decisions be abandoned in his state on all boxing matches except championship bouts. His recommendations were made to a legislative body investigating conditions in the sport on the Pacific Coast. He declared that such a move would reduce gambling and make other improvements necessary to place boxing back on a high pedestal.

His suggestions brought considerable antagonistic retorts from fight enthusiasts, especially those most closely identified with the game. To THE RING Editor it seems strange that the former champion, knowing full well what newspaper decisions meant in the days when he was in his prime as one of the world's outstanding boxers, would want to go back to that period. In those days all a manager had to do was to run to a telegraph wire to beat his rival and send out a fishy yarn about his man winning and the next day, papers throughout the country gave undeserving credit to a losing battler.

Beau Jack added to his prestige by defeating Tony Janiro in a bout in Washington, D. C., late in May. It was a ten-round bout and Jack got the decision.



Referee Joey Walker was "kayoed" in Newark when he tried to halt the milling between Laurie Buxton and Mike DeCosmo, as the bell sounded ending the battle. A wild blow by Buxton put Walker to sleep.

At other times, a little money handed as a bribe to scribes or a telegraph operator at the ringside, would turn the trick. Decisions did away with all that and Willie Ritchie should be the first to realize the folly of returning to the old system.

As Will Connolly so aptly put it in his column in the San Francisco *Chronicle*, "'No decisions' would make more friction, bring about more beefs and more dissatisfaction. And it wouldn't stop gambling. One cannot stop gambling on fights no matter what remedy is tried."

"Those who are inclined to wager," says Promoter Benny Ford of San Francisco, in answer to Ritchie, "would take newspaper decisions for settlement of their bets as was done before the legalization of boxing. A 'no-decision' fight is meaningless and would be the means of cutting into the revenue of promoters, fighters and the state."

I agree with both Connolly and Ford. Let's stick to decisions. In New York, following the repeal of the Horton Law in 1900, "no-decision" bouts were permitted. In 1911, when the Frawley Law went into effect again legalizing boxing, New York fight clubs could stage bouts but the "no-decision" rule continued.

It was during that period, up to the time that the Walker Law went into effect, that the records of boxers was so confused, one couldn't depend on them for any semblance of accuracy unless a fighter was knocked out. That's why so many records show a win for one fighter and a win for his opponent in the same match. The best way to discourage boxing in California and to bring it down to a level that will force many clubs out of business, is to bring back the no-decision era.

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THE defeat of Charley Riley by Jimmy McAllister in Baltimore, and the victory of Sonny Boy West over McAllister last month, places West in a position where he can command good bouts. Though West is a lightweight, and scaled 130¼ for McAllister, his mentor declares that Sonny can make the featherweight division and seeks a bout with Willie Pep.

But our records show that West has scaled this year between 130 and 135, hence if he does get into action with Pep, it will have to be an overweight match. West cannot, in our opinion, get down to the feather limit and feel strong. Like Jackie Paterson, weight reducing is sure to affect his fighting. He should stick to the lightweight class.

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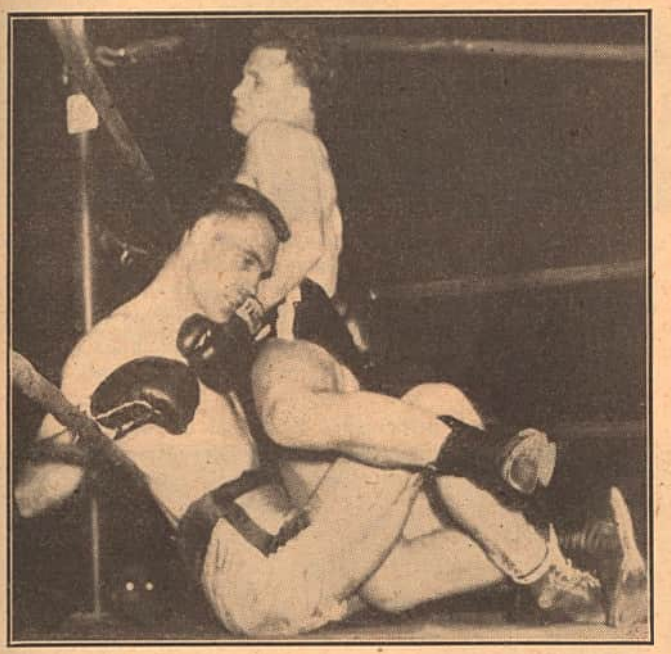
THE Rhode Island State Athletic Commission has gone further than any other state board in eliminating physically unfit boxers from further participation in the sport. Charles F. Reynolds, chief deputy, and his associates, after a close study of the records of fighters as listed in THE RING Record Book for 1948, in the most sweeping move ever taken by a boxing commission, revoked the licenses of 66 pugilists.

Among the list are fighters who have repeatedly been knocked out; others who have seldom won a fight and still others who have given evidence of being physically unfit to continue in the best interest of their own health and the sport itself. Boys with poor eyesight and those with high blood pressure as well as those who have suffered repeated kayoes or have suffered heavily in recent bouts, no longer are able to ply their trade in Rhode Island.

The more prominent New England fighters who are banned, are Red Doty of Cambridge; Lew Sawicki of Worcester; George Dusty Brown of Philadelphia; Eddie Letourneau of Maine; Jimmy McLarnin of New Bedford and Vince Callahan of Boston.

Also listed are Johnny Botty, Al Briere, Ernie Cabral, Rudy

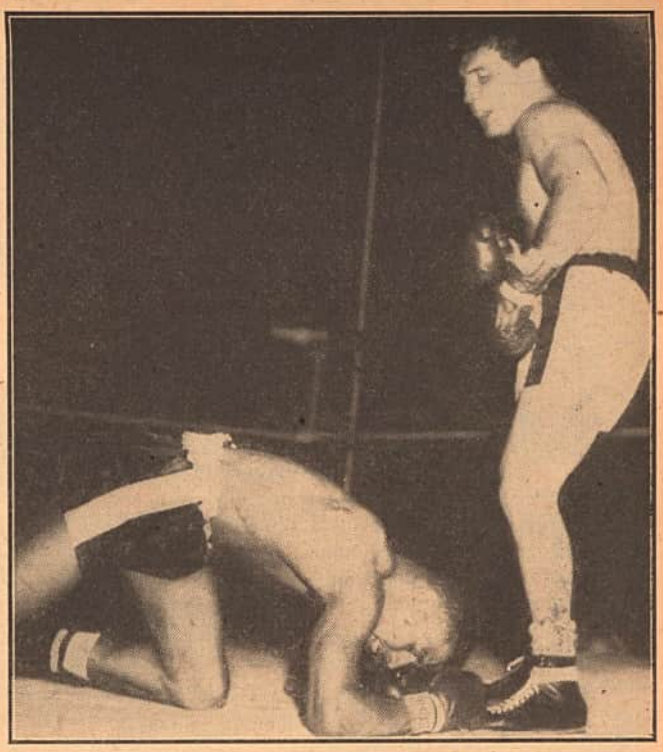


Enrico Bertola (right), Italian heavyweight, stumbles over Orlan Ott of Hartley, Iowa, after knocking him out in the opening round of their bout in Chicago. It was the Italian's third straight victory.

Campa, Frankie Carson, Willie Clinton, Leon Jackson, Maurice Belanger, Maurice Cloutier, Billy Counts, Ray Dulmaine, Gene Gomez, Lou Jackson, Steve Kronis, Johnny Lawlor, Chet McDonough, Leo Methot, Al Pinel, Alex Rebark, Frankie Ross, Carl Stein, Jackie Collins, Rocky Mello, George Martin, Johnny Coe, Tony Aimola, Goldfish Balesano, Kid Briere, Chocolate Kid, Red Cap Cooper, Pat Doyle, Hank Faro, Al Hallie, Dolly King, Ray Ladd.

And Eddie Letourneau, Billy Napper, Baby Boy Powell, Johnny Riley, Mike Saad, Ross Strickland, Ivan B. Jones, Eddie York, Enos Tebo, Chuck Ashworth, Jimmy Alexander, Al Barbos, Curtis Clemons, Al Costa, Tommy Doyle, Walter Games, Jackie Harris, Jackie King, Jerry Lavigne, Luc E. Lima, Billy Mays, Joe Palaza, Ed Reardon, Tony Rocha, Oscar St. Pierre, Ralph Trudeau.

In Washington, D. C., Col. Harvey Miller and his colleagues have acted likewise. They have revoked the licenses of a number of unfit boxers. Commissioner Rains and his associates in Penn-



LaMotta resumes his ring career. After a long absence due to suspension by the New York State Athletic Commission, Jake LaMotta made his reappearance in a Washington ring and knocked out Ken Stribling in the fifth round. It was his first fight in six months. Stribling was floored five times.

sylvania, also have banned many unfit pugilists. It's a fine start towards a wholesale cleanup and I hope there will be no letup.

The New York State Legislature, which recently passed an amendment to the Walker Law calling for the appointment of a special medical advisor, one chosen by the State Medical Society, hopes through such means to reduce the possibility of accidents and at the same time prevent boxers from taking part in the competition though they are physically unfit.

New York should have had such an advisor a long time ago. The Cuban government set the pace some years ago when it opened a clinic for boxers, the supervision of which is in the hands of one of the leading medical authorities of the Isle of Enchantment. And under him, is a competent staff with the result that one seldom hears of a major injury to a Cuban fighter.

Some weeks ago Dr. Vincent Nardiello of New York City who handles the examinations for *(Continued on page 47)*

Jose Basora (left), Cuban middleweight, who has taken on a new lease of life. He is seen here standing over Henry Chemel in their contest in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Chemel couldn't continue after the fourth round.

"HOT STUFF"

Alleged "Witch-Burning" of Boxer in Salem Ring Recalls Dramatic Willie Jackson-Sid Marks Battle in New York

By JERSEY JONES

Willie Jackson, who was revived by Manager Doc Bagley's use of lighted matches on his spine.

QUITE a lively to-do was stirred up recently in staid old Massachusetts, when Joe Dow, a Boston fight manager, was accused of using lighted matches to "stimulate" a boxer he was handling in a bout in Salem. Dow's protege, Johnny Walker, a Philadelphia middleweight, lost a split 10-round decision to Joe Blackwood, of Paterson, N. J.

The charges, aired in the columns of a Boston sports editor, declared that between rounds Dow had applied burning matches to Walker's kidneys in an effort to "pep up" the Philadelphian.

The resultant fuss and bother included investigations by the civic authorities in Salem and the boxing commission in Boston, and were accorded considerable newspaper coverage in the daily press of the nation.

Insisting he definitely was no arsonist, Dow emphatically denied the charges. So did Walker. Since the "victim" had no complaint to register, and displayed no visible physical evidence of the "barbarous torture" to which he allegedly had been subjected, the matter finally was dropped.

Thus ended historic Salem's latest witch-burning episode.

Frankly, from this point of observation, the whole thing could have been filed under "Much Ado About Nothing."

Using lighted matches as a "stimulant" to a boxer is not a common practice in the industry, but it is not entirely unknown to the trade. It has been done on occasion—and one particularly dramatic occasion is vividly remembered by this commentator.

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IT was back in July, 1922, at the old Commonwealth Club, in the heart of New York's teeming Harlem.

Willie Jackson, one of the top lightweights of the era, was paired with a hard-hitting but slow and clumsy Britisher, Sid Marks.

The bout figured to be little more than a mild workout for Jackson. Willie was expected to polish off the crude, wild-swinging Marks in a hurry.

But, though he and his handlers probably didn't realize it at the time, Jackson was nearing the end of his colorful fistic string.

The wear and tear of a long active career, and too many grueling battles, had been taking their toll, and a few months previously Willie had absorbed a savage 15-round lacing from Chicago's sharpshooting Charley White in Madison Square Garden.

Jackson, a New York Jewish lad, born Oscar Tobler, had been fighting for ten years, first as a bantam, then as a feather, and finally as a lightweight. Originally a fast, clever, light-hitting boxer, Willie's style had undergone a radical metamorphosis after his startling one-round knockout of Johnny Dundee in Philadelphia early in 1917. Almost overnight, Jackson had become an aggressive, two-fisted slugger of the species now known along Jacobs' Beach as a "club-fighter."

With his new modus operandi, there was no such thing as an "easy" fight for Jackson. Willie made them all tough—but his rip-roaring style also made him a tremendous attraction with promoters and fans, and he was constantly in demand in the major lightweight centers of the nation.

With the one exception of Champion Benny Leonard, Jackson didn't miss any of the ranking 135-pounders then operating. He fought 'em all—and most of them he fought not once, but often. His eleven-bout series with Johnny Dundee became one of the ring's real classics. Four times he slugged it out with Lew Tendler, and Rocky Kansas also had been his vis-a-vis in four bruising scuffles.

When he stepped into the Commonwealth ring that night to meet Sid Marks, Jackson was a veteran of 150 battles—and his battered features carried convincing evidence of the gruelling career he'd packed in.

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PERHAPS Jackson held Marks too lightly, and was carelessly unprepared for Sid's opening assault.

With all his cumbersome awkwardness, the Britisher could clout, and hardly had the clang of the opening gong died away when he exploded a thunderous right against Jackson's chin, and the Harlemite went crashing to the canvas.

That was the beginning of one of the wildest, most brutal rounds your commentator ever has seen.

Five times the practically helpless Jackson was hammered to the floor—and five times nothing but sheer instinct and blind, raw courage pulled him, befuddled and rubbery-legged, to his feet.

Eyes rolling glassily, chin sagging crazily, Willie was half-carried, half-dragged to his corner at the close of that round.

If ever a fighter seemed definitely finished, Jackson was. It was incredible to think that, in the minute's rest, Willie's handlers would be able to revive him sufficiently to answer the bell for the next session.

But a tall, spare, bespectacled individual in Jackson's corner had to be reckoned with. Willie's manager, the late Frank (Doc) Bagley, was one of the cleverest and most resourceful seconds the industry has produced.

Bagley and his assistants worked frantically over the Harlemite, using all the restorative means available—water, smelling salts, massage, ice!

Jackson began to show signs of recovering, but not rapidly enough. The precious sands of time were running out. The minute was almost up.

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IN desperation, Bagley gambled with a sudden thought.

Ice hadn't fully accomplished its purpose. How about the other extreme—heat?

It was worth trying. Hell, *anything* was worth trying!

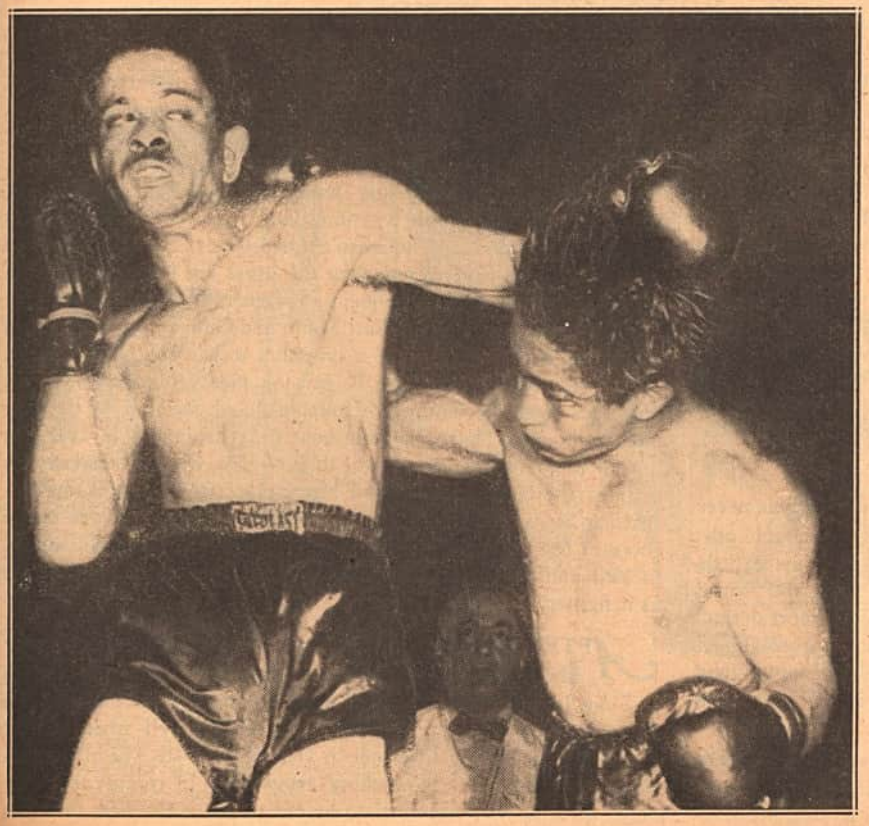
Hauling a box of matches out of his pocket, Bagley grabbed several of the little sticks, bunched them together, ignited them—and moved the flame up and down the base of Jackson's spine.

That did it! Our medical knowledge is rather limited, and we wouldn't attempt to explain exactly what happened. But something certainly did. Perhaps the sudden heat contacted a nerve center in Jackson's body. Whatever it was, it produced almost immediate results. Willie snapped back to life.

Though still unsteady from the vicious battering he had absorbed in that hectic opening stanza, Jackson had recovered sufficiently in the second to box his way out of danger and keep the lunging Marks at a distance. In the third frame, Willie settled down to the job of methodically whittling the tremendous lead Sid had piled up in that riotous first frame.

The bout went its scheduled ten rounds, and Jackson, waging a dramatic uphill battle, fought his way to a draw!

Willie Pep (left), world featherweight king, one of the greatest fighters at his weight in recent years, added to his long string of victories by taking the measure of Charley Cabey Lewis in a ten rounder in Milwaukee. Pep floored Lewis twice with a left to the jaw, in the third and fourth rounds. Here we see the left crashing with power. It was Pep's third victory over Lewis and his 125th win in 127 bouts. He lost one to Sammy Angott and drew with Jimmy McAllister in the first of their three bouts. On the knockdowns Cabey Lewis was required to take an eight count both times because of a new Wisconsin law. The statute also calls for eight-ounce gloves. Many states through the country are adopting similar measures to combat serious ring injuries.



In the NEWS *of the* MONTH

In a hair-raising contest between Cecil Schoonmaker of New York (left), and Dado Marino, Hawaii's Number One ranking world flyweight, the New York boy easily won the decision in ten rounds. The fight took place in Honolulu. Marino was a 4 to 1 favorite. The unanimous verdict halted negotiations for a flyweight championship bout between Dado and Rinty Monaghan. For the Schoonmaker fight both Cecil and Marino scaled in as bantams.

RING SKYSCRAPERS

By TED CARROLL

EVERY now and then somebody shows up on the fistic scene with an oversized specimen of human in tow with ideas of making the giant some kind of fighter. Most recent of these was Giant Jim Cully, one of the biggest men ever seen outside a circus, standing 7 feet four inches and weighing 260 pounds. This Irish colossus, banned in New York a few weeks ago because he lacks fighting ability, looks like something out of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Despite his titanic proportions the big fellow showed so little aptitude for the sport that he soon became a target for adverse criticism and there is little possibility that he will be permitted to continue in any part of the country, since it is feared that he may suffer some serious harm by so doing.

In spite of their physical advantages the sight of such overgrowns being harried and hurt by smaller, swifter, and more savage opponents, always arouses a feeling of pity.

Like the dinosaurs of prehistoric times who couldn't hold out against the onslaughts of smaller, more vicious creatures of that remote period, nearly all the ring mastodons have come to grief in the ring. True, a couple of them, Jess Willard and Primo Carnera, won the world's championship, but all the rest found the going rugged.

There have been quite a few of them. In fact the old Biblical passage, "There were giants on the earth in those days," could have been applied to the late twenties and early thirties when boxing rings all over the world groaned under the tonnage of the battling behemoths.

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PROBABLY inspired by Carnera, who had come to considerable fame and fortune in America, the big boys popped up like California redwood trees all over the map. Besides Primo, there were in action, at about the same time, Jose Santa, ponderous Portuguese; double name Roberto Roberti, altitudinous Italian; the cumbersome Campolo brothers, Vittorio and Valentin, from Argentina; big Pat Redmond, who came over to the States an Irishman, but was revealed as an Australian after Carnera flattened him in jigtime, and amiable Ray Impellitiere, the mild and gentle giant from upstate New York.

These ring skyscrapers ranged in height from 6 feet 4 to 6 feet 7, and their weights were bracketed between 230 and 280 pounds. The lack of ability shown by most of them was startling, with the possible exception of Vic Campolo, oldest of the brothers, and Impellitiere.

Campolo first showed in this country fighting under the banner of Jack Fugazy who, in those days, was giving Tex Rickard and Madison Square Garden mild competition. A spindly, gangling fellow, Campolo could hit, and pulverized tough old Tom Heeney over in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field one evening. Some hopes were held for him, but after he stumbled through a ten-round setback at the hands of Phil Scott, he was speedily written off as any kind of a threat. A two-round kayo at the hands of Carnera after he had old Primo himself swaying under a right-hander, finished the gawky Gaucho.

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IMPELLITIERE, an intelligent likeable chap, simply was never cut out to be a fighter, although he possessed considerable athletic ability for such a big fellow. A high school hero up in little Peekskill, N. Y., the "Imp" played basketball with the famed Original Celtics, greatest court team of all time, for a short period. Vet Harry Lenny took Ray in hand and did such a good job of tutoring him that the 250-pounder became a surprisingly good boxer, but this kindly chap was entirely lacking in the aggressive instincts necessary to a fighter.

His best remembered bout took place up in New York's Dyckman Oval against Tommy Loughran back in 1933. Loughran suffered a cut eye in this one. The referee attempted to stop proceedings and actually waved big Ray to his corner. Tommy grabbed the arbiter, turned him around and talked him out of it. The fight was resumed after much squabbling delay and Loughran went on to win the decision. The "Imp" called it a career after losing to little Bob Pastor on December 18, 1936, and is now doing very well up in Peekskill where he has gained considerable fame as an outboard motor racer, and in New York where he manages an automobile selling agency.

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IN ANY resume of the ring giants, Primo Carnera automatically moves into the spotlighted role. Although the object of much sympathy in recent years, a best seller book and innumerable crying articles having built him up as the most exploited and mistreated fighter of modern times, this is actually more fiction than fact.

Of poor Italian peasant stock, Primo, man-sized at 15, was discovered roaming through the hills of his native Sequals, Italy, without shoes on his feet, by a carnival show operator. He was next spotted by a wrestling promoter togged out in a leopard skin, strong-man outfit, doing a turn as a circus performer. After a brief whirl at grappling, his path crossed that of Leon See, the foxy Frenchman, whose rosy pictures of the gold at the end of the prize ring rainbow resulted in Carnera's becoming a fighter.

Actually Primo was one of the luckiest human beings to ever walk the earth. He wound up the heavyweight champion of the world and was living comfortably in Italy up to the time of the war. His true ability will always be a controversial issue, a strong dissenter to those who laugh him off as a fighter is none other than Joe Louis, by the way.

He was undoubtedly the best of all the other big ones, the so-called "dreadnaughts" of his time. Faint praise, but none the less true. Today his reputation as a former world's heavyweight champion makes him a veritable gold mine on his wrestling tours up and down the nation and he is well on the way towards becoming a rich man. He's healthy, happy, and looks good for years to come in the wrestling game. When Primo Carnera's name is brought up save your tears!

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NEITHER big 250-pound Abe Simon nor 250-pound Buddy Baer did too badly in the ring. But Bud particularly, proved a puzzle. The younger of the two Baers lacked something, but opinions differ as to just what it was. He moved fairly well, could knock over a building with either hand, seemed to be game enough, his weight was unusually well distributed over his 6 foot 5 inch frame and he wasn't a bad boxer. He also had more fighting fury in his makeup than the usual big fellow. Still, with all this equipment he was frequently beaten by smaller men with far less natural assets, such as Ford Smith and Gunnar Barlund. When he started out he looked like a sure shot to win the championship.

He did get two cracks at it, causing plenty of excitement the first time when he dumped Champion Joe Louis out of the ring on his shoulder blades in their bout in Washington in 1941. An uproar broke out at the finish of this one, too, when Bud's handlers claimed the blow that finished him came after the bell, and refused to answer the gong for the seventh round. Bud was out of there in less than a round the next time the Bomber got around to him and that practically finished this great looking prospect as a fighter.

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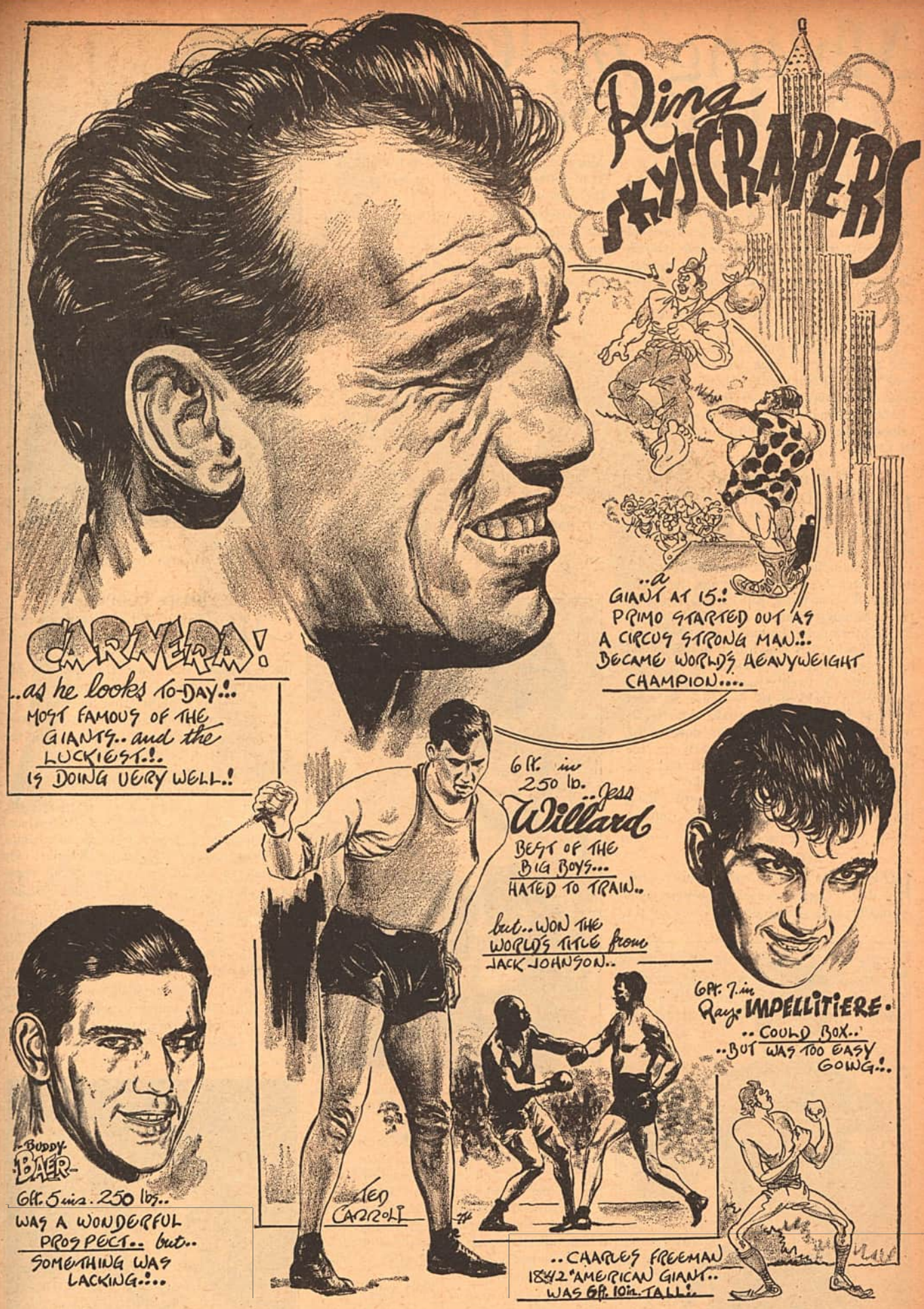
AFTER an indifferent start, Ample Abe, a star shot-putter and footballer in his younger days at Richmond Hill High in Long Island, righted himself following a six-round loss to Lou Nova in 1936 and was moving along pretty well when he met Joe Louis for the big title out in Detroit in 1941. Abe almost became a national hero by sticking around for 13 rounds that evening, when he was expected to be out of there the first time Joe



nailed him a good one. Although gargantuan in appearance, Simon was polished and refined in speech and manner and at home in any company however elite.

Like Baer, he had two chances too, and also met disaster the second time around. He was severely battered in the Army Relief Show held in Madison Square Garden on March 27, 1942. Of intellectual leanings, Abe Simon, a boxing official in New York today, will tell you that

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Making *the* Grade

By HARVEY THORNE

JESSE JENKINS

JESSE JENKINS, the middleweight ex-GI from Monticello, New Jersey, an all-around athlete especially handy with his fists, has had twenty-three professional bouts with nary a loss. Jesse has shown twice in Madison Square Garden. He laid the kiss of sleep on Doug Carter in 41 seconds in his initial appearance and in his last Garden showing took the measure of Dick Wagner.

Jesse is a good club fighter who has a nice assortment of ring weapons. With a little more seasoning he should give the boys on the top plenty of trouble.

Abe Mais and Jack Curley have been developing the lad and guiding him in his fistic career.

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HAROLD JONES

HAROLD JONES had only four amateur bouts under his belt when Willie Dominguez spotted the 135-pounder as a lad likely to succeed in the pay ranks.

Jones has climbed between the ropes on thirty-three occasions, returning the loser on five. Two of these, Bill Eddy and Harry Hart, he later avenged in return matches. In his other fights he has drawn once with Jackie Taylor, has won fifteen decisions and has knocked out ten opponents.

Recently the twenty-two-year-old Detroit lightweight trekked to Syracuse to meet Tommy Stenhouse of Buffalo, who is always dangerous. Harold was downed by Stenhouse's heavy artillery early in the first round, but struggled to his feet and outboxed Tommy to gain the duke.

In his latest affair he defeated King Richie Orange over the ten-round route.

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ROY CARTER

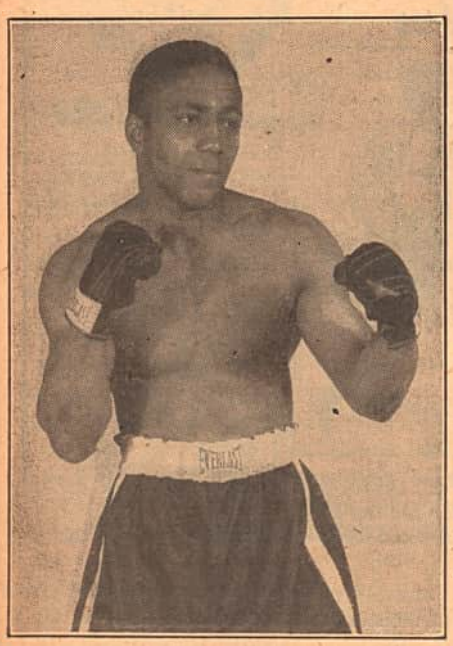
WITH four amateur bouts in his record, Roy Carter, classy welterweight youngster, was shanghaied to China by the Marines, where, during his two-and-a-half-year sojourn, he copped the welter title of the Marine Corps.

Back from the wars, Carter trekked to the Bronx, New York, and as soon as he had settled himself began to frequent Bobby Gleason's bistro of swat in order to prepare himself for the beak-bashing biz.

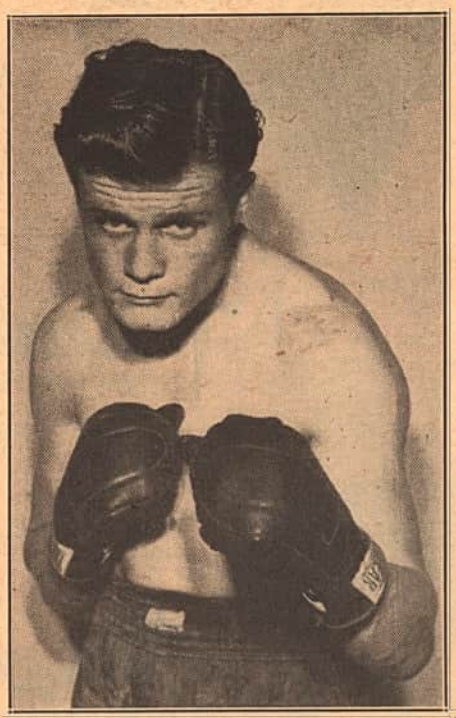
It was here that he met Al Joyner and the two hooked up, Roy to do the biffing and Al to take care of the managerial end of things.

In 1947 Al felt that his charge was ready to begin the campaign that both hoped would lead to fame and fortune. In that year he met six opponents and iced all except one, Nat Harden, who managed to take a decision from Roy.

This year the Bronx Bombardier has taken on five foes to date and again he has kayoed all but one of his opponents. Carter was sent to the showers in the first when Isaac Jenkins caught him cold and put Roy on the canvas for the ten-count.



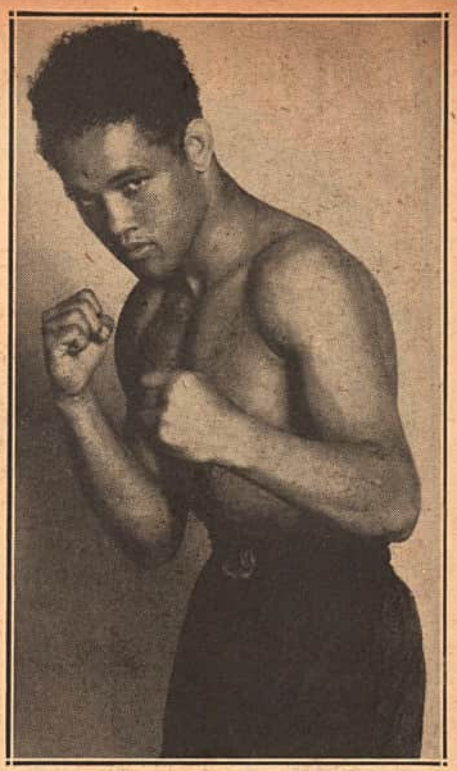
Roy Carter, colorful welterweight youngster, about to break into the main events.



A twenty-two-year-old Detroitian, Harold Jones, is campaigning as a lightweight.

Swimming is the Bronx Negro's other sport, his main hobby and business being the sock trade, and he has splashed a long line of foes to the deck. Jim Armour, Pete Lupo, Roland Lighthill, Earl Shaw, Gene Norman, Bob Marshall, Wally DeMaio, Lanny Trader and the highly-touted Al Fisher, have all gone down under the lethal punching of Carter.

Roy is single and is an excellent artist with water colors, good enough to have won an art contest at Columbus, Ohio, prior to the war. He goes to night school to study interior decorating in order to prepare himself for the time when he no longer answers to the sound of the bell.



Jesse Jenkins, middleweight comer from Monticello, New Jersey.

JIMMY COOPER

MANUEL ORTIZ, bantamweight champion of the world, came across Jimmy Cooper three years ago on the coast. At that time Jimmy was only sixteen and Manuel was so impressed at the boy's natural ability that he entered the lad in an army tournament. The youngster lived up to expectations and annexed the bantam crown, which decided him on a pugilistic career.

Cooper, who makes Washington, D. C., his home, has grown into a featherweight, and so far has confined his professional fisticuffing to Capital and Baltimore rings. In 13 outings to date, he has dropped only two decisions, to such experienced opponents as Jose Cardenas of Mexico and Joey Kay of England. His outstanding victories include knockouts of Ted Williams, Puggy King, Lucky Johnson and Billy Lima, and decisions over Jimmy Jennette and Orlando Fernandez.

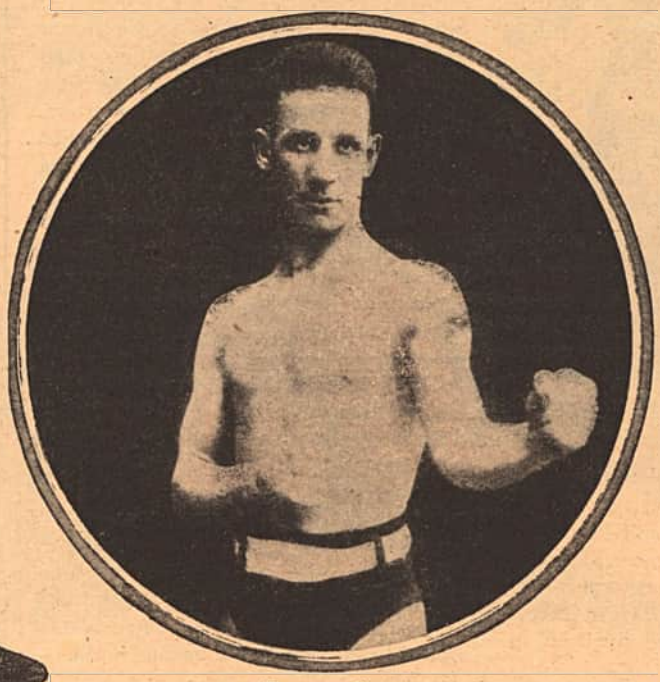
Cooper is being managed by Billy Banks, and Billy, who knows boxing, is positive he has a real future headliner in the fast, flashy, hard-hitting youngster.

Jimmy Cooper, a protege of Manuel Ortiz, who is making his way in the lightweight ranks.

"MYSTERIOUS" BILLY COMES BACK *to* LIFE

By EDDIE McDONALD

"Mysterious" Billy Smith



Tommy Ryan

A FEW weeks ago there came out of San Francisco a dispatch saying that "Mysterious" Billy Smith, holder of the world welterweight title in the early nineties, had celebrated his 81st birthday. The story told how he enjoyed working daily in his garden and that his health was splendid.

Every now and then there gets into print a yarn about some great fighter of the past with detailed accounts of some of his most thrilling battles as retold by the individual to members of the press, only to find after the story is published, that the fighter to whom the article refers, has been dead for a long time.

So it is with "Mysterious" Billy Smith, who according to dispatches from Portland, Oregon, passed away in that city on October 15, 1937, at the age of 66. The report of his death then stated that the Grim Reaper put him out of his misery after two years of lingering in the Portland Hospital. Then came an account of his championship battle with Danny Needham in a bout that lasted fourteen rounds in San Francisco.

Apparently the Billy Smith who is enjoying his health in San Francisco at the age of eighty-one, is not the "Mysterious" Billy who won the welter title from Needham.

"Mysterious" Billy Smith, a fighter among fighters, who never questioned the size of the purse nor the distance over which the bout was to go, was one of the outstanding figures of his day.

One day there drifted into the office of the "Boston Police News" a rosy-cheeked chap, fresh from the Maritime Provinces of Canada. He said that he was a fighter and wanted some bouts. He looked too handsome to be a successful pugilist in spite of his earnestness and willingness to take anything that was handed to him.

He told Captain Cook, publisher of the paper, that his name was Smith—Amos Smith. Well, the Smith part of it was all right and regular enough, but AMOS as the front name of a boxer, was a bit too delicate sounding for the old captain and he suggested that Smith would hardly get anything but a large and juicy and prolonged raspberry if he ever undertook to appear in a ring with the name of AMOS.

It happened at that time that there was a lull in boxing around Boston but Smith did get a few club fights and some exhibitions at "smokers." Finally he sought pastures new and Boston lost sight of him for quite a while. An occasional paragraph from a western exchange brought news about a Billy Smith of Boston, either taking part in a match or looking for a battle. Boston fistic experts did not associate this name with the young Canadian who had come to Captain Cook until news dispatches from the Coast began to bring news of his winning matches against fairly well-known performers.

Getting one of these dispatches for his "Police News" one day, Captain Cook remarked casually to the sports editor,

"Here's another win for that mysterious Billy Smith. Better send for his picture and we'll run a cut of him."

The arrival of the photo settled all doubts as to the identity of the boxer and the caption under the cut read "Mysterious" Billy Smith, and that name stuck with him through his ring career and even until his death in Portland, Ore., on October 16, 1937.

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RECALLING Smith reminds one of his great battles with Tommy Ryan, who is now located in Granada Hills, California, where he is engaged in business and has a ranch.

Smith had won the world's welterweight championship by defeating Danny Needham at San Francisco by a kayo in 14 rounds, then made certain of his claim by halting Tom Williams of Australia at Coney Island in two rounds, while Ryan was looking on the fistic horizon up around Minneapolis. Tommy was under the management of Col. John Hopkins, the theatrical magnate, who also had Dan Creedon of Australia, Joe Choynski and other stars of the first water in his fine stable.

Finally Ryan and Smith were matched to box at the Hennepin A.C. of Minneapolis, the distance to be twenty rounds and the world's welter title to be at stake. The purse was $2500, a big one in those days, and the arrangements called for the winner to take all. The match was a terrific battle.

It went the full distance and *(Continued on page 37)*

Their Country's Pride

By NAT LOUBET

Isimeli Radrodro, Fijian light-heavyweight champion.

FIJI, a colony "Down Under" in Oceania, consisting of an archipelago of from 200 to 250 islands in the South Pacific, has at last heard the call of organized boxing. Although boxing in its professional form is in the embryonic state, it is fast becoming a major sport in the lives of the Fijians.

Most of the boxers competing are native Fijians who for the most part fall into the light-heavy and heavyweight classes. Fijian men are usually large-boned, with big frames that carry plenty of avoirdupois. The dearth of small men among the Fijians allows little in the way of competition among the lighter divisions, but the action among the heavy lads is plentiful.

As is always the case when any people find an interest in something new, they expend their energy to develop and expand that field of endeavor. So it is with boxing in the Islands. Fiji sportsmen are all keyed to an all-out effort to bring their boxers into the international limelight.

The lack of adequate heavyweight talent around the globe gives the Fijians reason to look forward to a rose-tinted ring future.

The sport in the Islands is under the control of the Fiji Boxing and Wrestling Association. Three shows are staged monthly. Suva, the capital of Fiji, the Gold Field and Ba are the scenes of the boxing cards.

Two of the outstanding Fijian boxers who will bear watching are Corporal Isimeli Radrodro of the Army, their twenty-three-year-old light-heavyweight champion, and Atunaisa Camaibau, the ex-light-heavy king, now campaigning in the heavyweight ranks.

Camaibau, also a product of the Fijian army, relinquished his light-heavyweight title when he found it difficult to make the weight. A two-fisted slugger, he has a blast in either hand and expects shortly to get a crack at the Island's heavyweight crown. Experts who have seen this lad in action say he has what it takes to make the big time.

When Camaibau gave up his light-heavyweight title, the Fiji Boxing Association held a mill between the two leading aspirants for the title, Radrodro and Joe Vucago, and declared that to the winner would go the bauble.

Isimeli Radrodro was the underdog in the pre-fight wagering, but the six foot three inches Radrodro, scaling 171 pounds, with two years of competition under his belt, surprised by outboxing and outpunching Vucago to cinch the title.

The new light-heavyweight champion is undefeated since entering the professional field and the Fijians are hopeful that between him and Camaibau, their islands will be heard from in the boxing world.

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WILFREDO BREWSTER

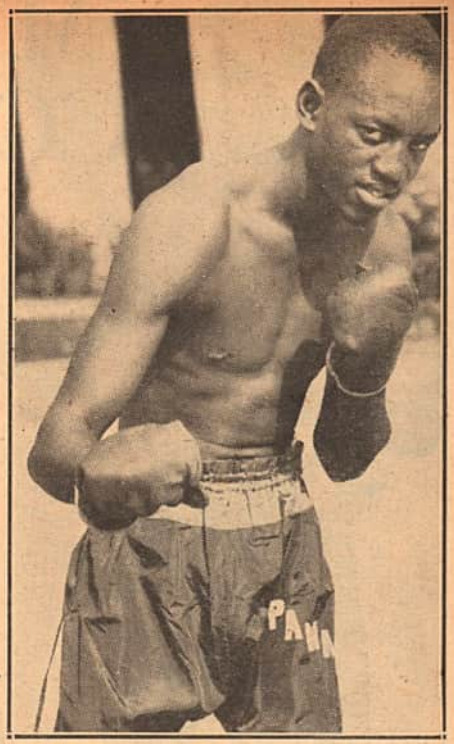
NOT since the days of Panama Al Brown has the Isthmus on the rainy side of the Big Ditch had a pugilist to get excited about. In Wilfredo Brewster, Panama fans vision another "Al." Brewster, like Brown, is a big boy for a bantamweight and holds a marked advantage over his opponents in reach. Besides, he can take it, has a good punch in either hand and boxes well. Quite a combination.

Panama Al was the first and only Panamanian to hold a world boxing title and like him Brewster has been involved in several "firsts." When Wilfredo fought Baby Allen, the idol of Africa's "Gold Coast," the bout, held at the Colon Arena, was the first fight to be held in Panama on a Sunday in over twenty years. Brewster won the mill in ten rounds.

The Panama City socker was a participant in another "first" when Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, on his exhibition tour of South America, refereed Wilfredo's bout with Baby Dickson. This was the first time a heavyweight champion of the world had officiated at a bout in Panama.

Brewster hopes to follow in the steps of Panama Al and become the second champion of the world to hail from his country.

Atunaisa Camaibau, a promising heavyweight from Fiji.



Panama's pride and joy is Wilfredo Brewster, a bantamweight.

Paddy's Clam House

215 West 34th Street

Opposite The Long Island Railroad Station, New York City.

and

Pat's Clam House

758 Eighth Avenue

Two blocks south of Madison Square Garden in New York City.

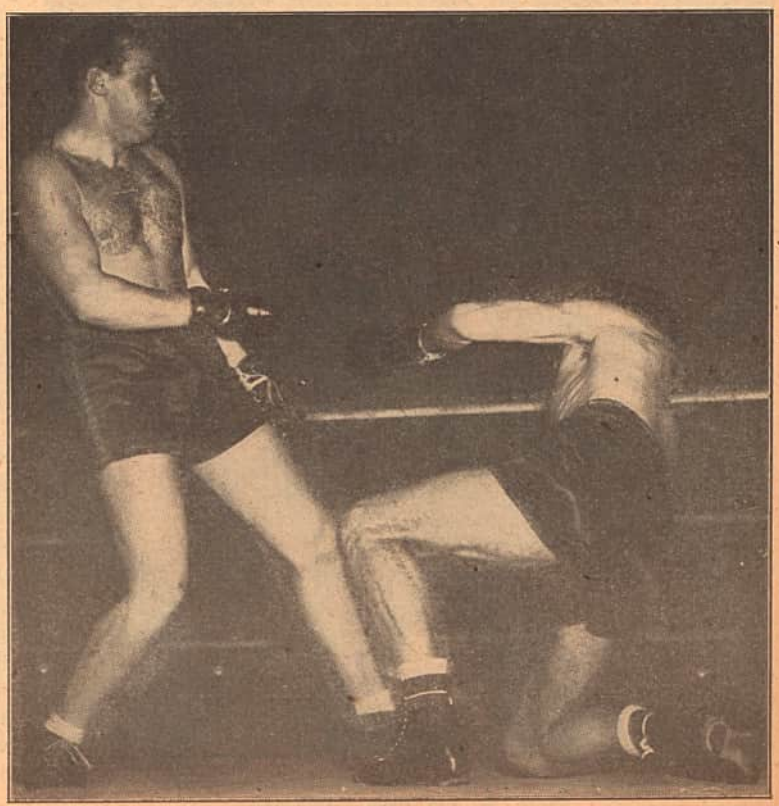
The two eating places where the sports of the world get their delicious sea food.

When in New York, don't fail to pay us a visit at one of our two establishments.

Go where you meet the best people and eat the best food.

In this photograph we see Earl Pierce taking a count in the first round of his "battle" with the Irish Behemoth, Jim Cully, in a Buffalo ring. Cully, advertised as the "Champion of Erin," appeared to have soft picking in his Buffalo opponent, but Pierce surprised Cully's Board of Strategy by making a quick comeback to end the career of his adversary.

EXIT *an* IRISH "CHAMP"



In the third round Pierce battered Cully all over the ring, broke his nose and the referee had to halt the proceedings. So did the New York State Boxing Commission which decided that Cully knew so little about the fight game that it would be dangerous for him to continue. His license was revoked. In this photo we see Cully draping the ropes as he did in his last fight in Ireland when he was kayoed in one round. That's how he "won the Irish Championship."

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

STANISLAUS ZBYSZKO, world famous wrestler, one of the greatest of the grapplers who at one time held the championship, takes issue with the reports that have emanated from India that he was twice easily defeated by Gama, king of the Hindu matmen. In a statement to THE RING Editor, backed by clippings to prove his case, Zbyszko showed that on September 10, 1910, when he and Gama wrestled before a huge gathering at Sheppard's Bush, the Olympic stadium of London, their match went 3 hours and 47 minutes before the referee, the sports editor of the Manchester *Guardian*, pleaded with Stanislaus to end the match by calling it a draw.

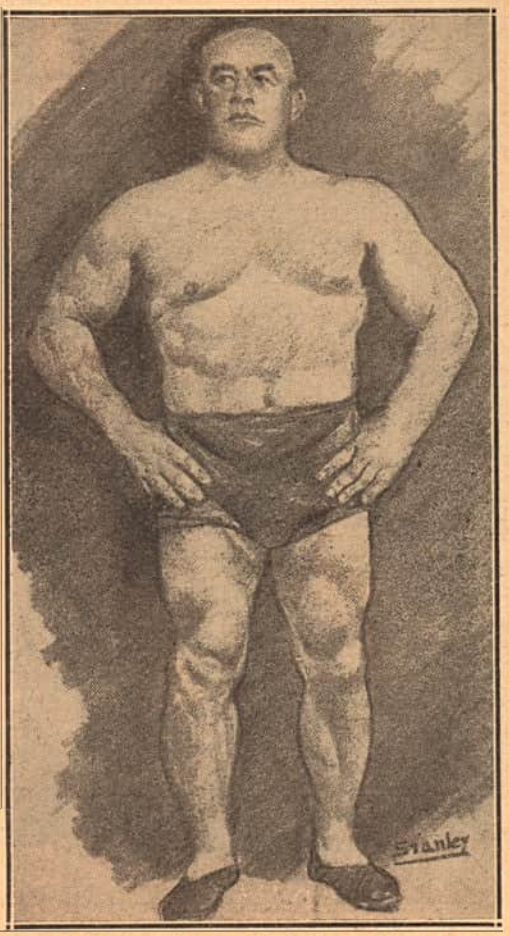
The promoter of the contest, Lord Bottembly, editor of the *John Bull Gazette*, after a conference with the official and the grapplers, had the announcement made that the men had agreed on a draw after Zbyszko had tossed Gama over his shoulders for what should have gone as a flying fall. Gama had one shoulder down when a halt was called.

The men had started the match at three in the afternoon and it was 6:47 in the evening when a halt was made.

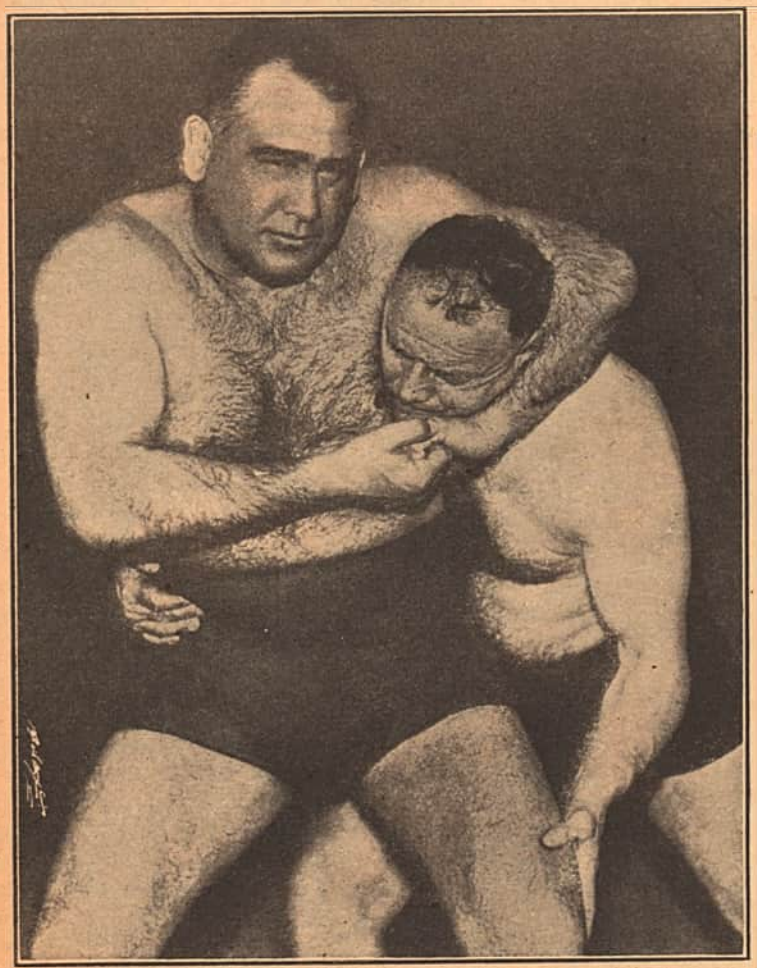
In their second encounter, in 1926, when Zbyszko had accepted a contract to go to India to wrestle Gama again, the Marahajah of Battilla had asked Stanislaus to tackle the Great Gama in Hindu style, something Zbyszko would have refused had he known in advance that such would be the case. In the Hindu style when any part of the body touches the ground, it is called a fall.

In this second match, Stanislaus, unaccustomed to wrestling in bare feet in the very soft, specially prepared sand floor, suddenly maneuvered to one side and his left leg sank deep in the hole made by other wrestlers who had preceded him in the same ring. Gama, quick as a flash, leaped for the leg, pounced on his victim and won the match in three and a half minutes and not the few seconds usually mentioned by the Hindu sports scribes.

Received a letter from Dick Raines just before he took off by plane for a tour of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. After breaking his back in San Antonio, Texas, last year, Dick has regained his health and is back in action. When one speaks of wrestling's all time great showmen, the name of Dick Raines comes close to the top of the list.



Stanislaus Zbyszko as he looked when he met Gama.



Ed Lewis demonstrating his famous headlock, which is not a "Strangle Hold" as has been publicized.

Raines expects to be joined by Bobby Bruns and Dean Detton on his tour. With two such companions as Dean and Bobby, we don't see how they can miss. Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans have quite a treat in store when our visiting trio display their talents in the South Pacific.

Dick is looking forward to bouts with Earl McCready, Lofty Blomfield, and Ken Kenneth, and is also anxious to test the kid brother of the great Hans Van Der Walt who was killed by the British during the last war. Dick will let us know how good this boy really is. We have received bits of information as to his powers, but nothing very definite.

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NO wrestler since the golden era of grappling has received so much publicity as Gorgeous George, the grappler with the carefully marceled, honey-colored locks, and the huge collection of beautiful robes. Fans have written us letters denouncing this character as a slur on the sport. Others state that George has provided them with the most entertaining evenings they have ever experienced. Take your choice, we are just reporting the facts.

After making himself famous in California, to say

Dick Raines, who is off on a tour of Australia, New Zealand and other points.

Tor Johnson, now using the name "Super Swedish Angel!"

nothing of the pile of greenbacks he has tucked away for future use, the Georgeous One has turned his attention eastward. His popularity has not yet reached the heights attained on the West Coast, but his very unusual performance makes the turnstiles click. He is receiving more money for an evening's work than does Primo Carnera, who, up until now, was the highest priced wrestler in the business.

At the present time George is wrestling in the upper part of New York State, but as yet has not shown in New York City. Big town fans are anxiously awaiting his arrival. They want to see for themselves if everything they have heard is true.

Your reporter has a hunch that when "Goldie Locks" does finally show his act to the fans of Gotham, the New York State Athletic Commission will put the clamps on some of his routine.

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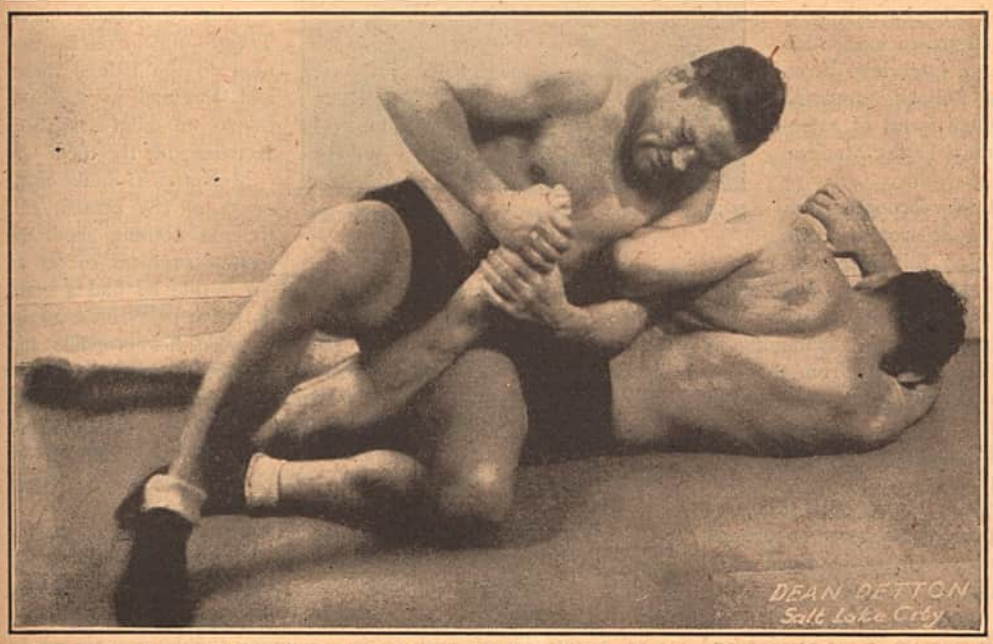
TOR JOHNSON, who is using the monicker "Super Swedish Angel," has been suspended in New York for taking a punch at a policeman. Tor tips the beams at 360 pounds and the cop he picked on weighs 350 pounds. This came as a surprise, as big Tor is quite a mild fellow outside the ring. He claims he lost his head and regrets his actions.

An old time wrestling fan resents our referring to Ed Lewis as Ed "Strangler" Lewis. He claims that Evan Lewis was the original Strangler. The latter's head hold was illegal and was actually a strangle hold. Evan would work his opponent to the mat with a half nelson and then press his forearm against the windpipe to shut off the air. After a while this hold was banned from the sport. The hold made famous by Ed Lewis was a legitimate headlock which he perfected to the highest degree and according to our reader should not be called a strangle, which, of course, is illegal.

Dots and dashes from here and there . . . Ace Freeman, one of the best showmen in the game. Jim Londos to make a comeback in a few months. . . Cafes with television take down the television sign on nights when Georgeous George wrestles and in its place hang a sign saying "Georgeous George wrestles here tonight." . . . Wrestling going over big in Australia.



Former champion, Dean Detton, who will be seen in foreign lands.

WRESTLING News from Hawaii—sent in by Ted Yamachika.

Lee Grable of Los Angeles became the Hawaiian junior heavyweight champion again by vanquishing strongman Ted Travis in a rough, bloody battle. The bout was probably the shortest championship match seen at the local auditorium. Travis gained the first fall with his reverse leg lock in about seven minutes only to have Grable come back to even the match with a hold called the "abdominal stretch."

For the deciding fall Grable again applied the stretch to win the title. *(Continued on page 35)*

"DAPPER DAN"

Another of the Old Guard, McKettrick, Who Had a Spectacular Career as a Promoter, Passes Into the Great Beyond

By
THE RING
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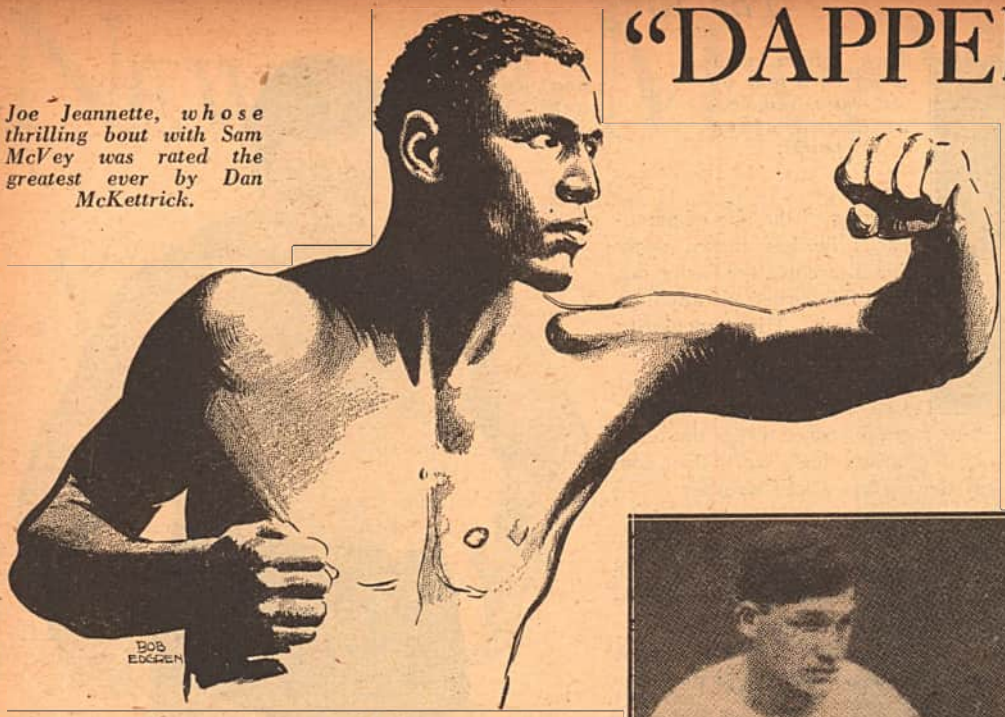


Joe Jeannette, whose thrilling bout with Sam McVey was rated the greatest ever by Dan McKettrick.

THE Grim Reaper has added to the long list of old-time fistic celebrities he has sent to Valhalla in recent months, Dan McKettrick, one of the last of the Old Guard of boxing managers, who died from a heart attack in St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. "Dapper Dan," they called him, a moniker given to him by the scribes when he returned from his long sojourn in Gay Paree many years ago, though in more recent years his apparel was more on the conservative side as became a successful business man. He passed away on May 22, in his sixty-seventh year.

Dan started his career as a newspaper man, writing sports for the *Morning Telegraph* and winding up in the sports department of the *Evening World* back in 1905, and though as the years went on he shifted from one field to another, his interest in his first love never left him and until a few weeks before his death, he was a regular at all the Garden fights and other forms of athletic entertainment which so frequently are staged in the Metropolitan area.

McKettrick was a unique character who in his early days was dubbed the "boy promoter." He once remarked that he promoted everything from a beauty parlor to a gold mine, but his fame was gained as a boxing manager, to which he took when he found newspaper work "too boring," as he described it to me in an interview. From 1900 to 1911 he and his pal, Harry Pollock, promoted boxing, marathons, foot races, and other forms of entertainment in the old Garden, then situated in the Madison Square section of New York.

When wrestling was at its height they brought from Europe the great Yussif Mahmout, a 260-pound Turk, and exploited him to the limit. It was this pair who staged the famous race between Dorando, the Italian, and Johnny Hayes after Hayes had won the London Olympic marathon from the Italian. Six-day bike races, motorcycle races, swimming by Annette Kellerman, an Irish Fair for which soil from the Emerald Isle was brought over—these were only a few of the many exploits of Dapper Dan McKettrick.

McKettrick and Pollock made their biggest success during the period when professional boxing was banned in New York and when the Frawley Law placed pugilism on a legal scale, the partnership broke and McKettrick decided to carry on abroad, mostly in France. Dan managed three fighters in those days, Willie Lewis, one of the greatest welters of recent years; Joe Jeannette, a heavyweight second to none, and Frank Moran of "Mary Ann" fame, who now is seen frequently in the movies, and with this trio he introduced boxing into Paris.

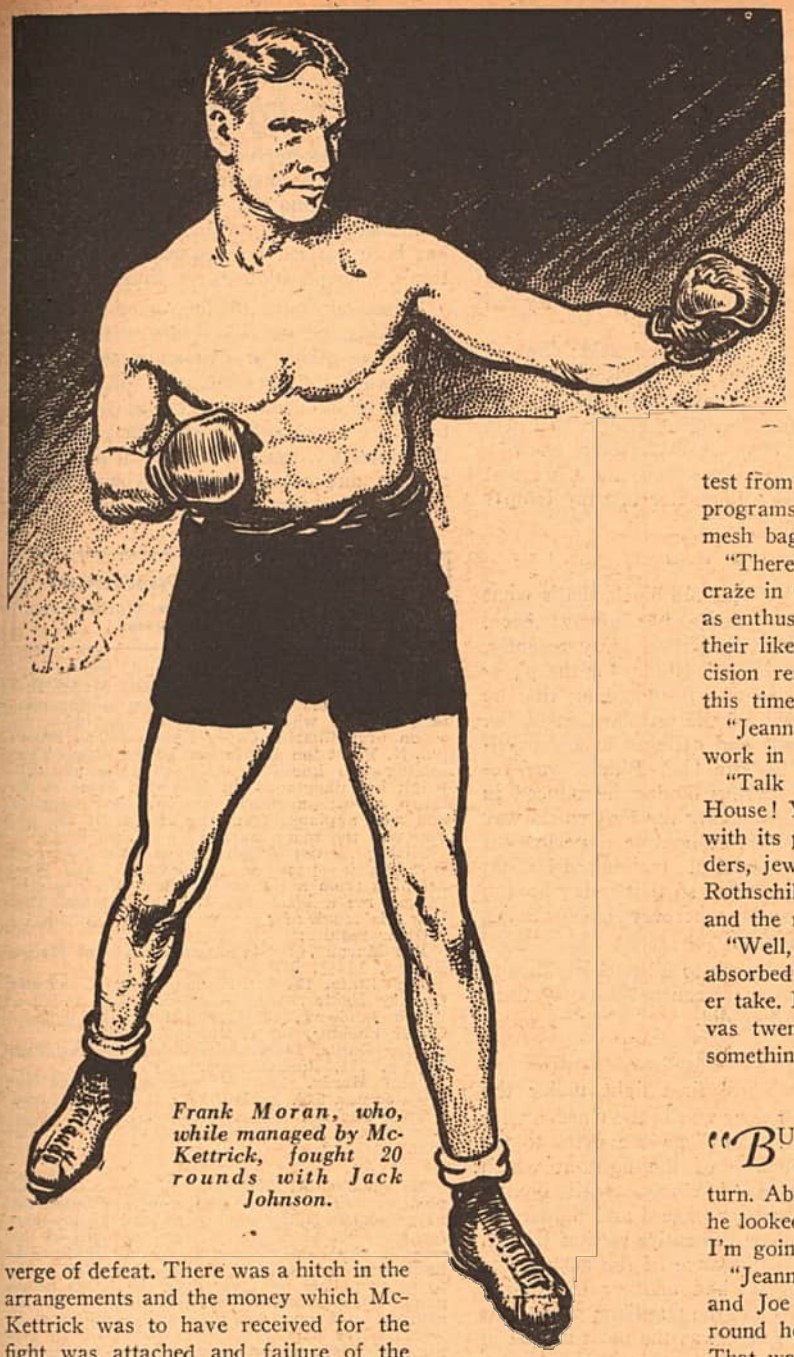
Willie Lewis, the pride of McKettrick's stable of fighters.

In McKettrick's heyday, fight managers were pretty much sports—high rollers and high livers — wine drinkers, first nighters at the theatre and that was the life McKettrick and his beloved wife, Mazie, loved. For years the McKettricks had a big apartment in New York in the vicinity of Central Park and it was probably the greatest Salon of Fistiana the world has ever known with Dan giving party after party to sports scribes and fistic celebrities.

Between 1911 and the outbreak of the first World War, Dan McKettrick was the King of Fistiana in France. His fighters bowled over many of the British importations and ere long, the French kids who kept coming to McKettrick's training quarters took up the sport and soon France had a nucleus of boxing talent. Today the French rate next to the United States and England in pugilism, thanks to what Dan McKettrick did for them.

McKettrick, unlike managers of the present era, thought nothing about the weight problem so far as Lewis was concerned. He knew that in Willie he had a great battler and when it was difficult to obtain talent of Willie's weight for his Paris bouts, Dapper Dan imported heavyweights and light-heavies to tackle the American invader. No matter who the opponent, Willie's punch was too soporific for his opponent and a kayo was scored. Lewis rolled up many such performances until he became the idol of the Parisians. When Willie fought Jewey Smith he scaled only 143 to his rival's 205, yet Lewis stopped his man.

The two greatest fights staged by McKettrick abroad were those between Jack Johnson and Frank Moran for the heavyweight title and the thrilling engagement between Sam McVey and Joe Jeannette, each of which took place in Paris. The former went twenty rounds with Johnson winning the decision though on several occasions the Galveston Negro was outclassed and on the



Frank Moran, who, while managed by McKettrick, fought 20 rounds with Jack Johnson.

verge of defeat. There was a hitch in the arrangements and the money which McKettrick was to have received for the fight was attached and failure of the parties concerned to settle their difficulties, resulted in a suit that continued for many years. When the first World War broke out, Dan had to make a quick exit for the States and as a result, the $60,000 which he was to receive were never turned over to him or Moran. What happened to the money Dan never knew, but one thing he did know and that was that neither Jack Johnson nor Moran ever received a penny for the fight.

Only recently, a few months before his death, in discussing the strange ending, Dapper Dan remarked:

"I've often thought of going back to France and starting suit against the government for recovery of our share of the dough, but somehow I feel that it would be a worthless journey in which I would have to spend a considerable sum to fight a government that is broke. Mazie thinks I'd be a fool to undertake it and I think she's wise in keeping me from carrying out such a plan."

Some months ago, when THE RING wrote a story about Willie Lewis, McKettrick came into our office with Willie to help on the material. Dan who was a prolific talker, started to tell the story of Willie and wound up giving us a long yarn on the greatest fight he had ever seen, that between his fighter, Joe Jeannette, and Sam McVey:

"There have been a lot of great ring battles," he remarked, "but for thrill after thrill I never saw a bout to equal that one. The Firpo-Dempsey fight doesn't figure in a discussion with the Jeannette-McVey mill."

And then, with Lewis agreeing to every word uttered by his erstwhile manager, McKettrick went into details. Standing alongside Lewis, Dan fought the battle all over again and when he completed his yarn we all agreed that for exciting moments, for knockdowns, for stamina and courage, no fight in recent years equalled that Paris mill.

"I don't think I've ever seen a more gruelling affair than the forty-nine-round brawl between Joe Jeannette and Sam McVey in Paris early in 1909. That really was something.

"Jeannette and McVey had met in a twenty-rounder two months previously, with Sam getting the decision. The verdict wasn't too popular, and the storm of protest from the French fans was accompanied by a deluge of papers, programs, lorgnettes, opera glasses, walking sticks, hats, women's mesh bags, hat-pins, and the Lord only knows what else.

"There were plenty of women at the ringside. Boxing was a craze in Continental society at the time, and the ladies were just as enthusiastic as the men, and even more impulsive in expressing their likes and dislikes. At any rate, the unpopularity of that decision resulted in Jeannette and McVey being rematched, and this time they were listed to go to a finish.

"Jeannette and Lewis were stablemates and I asked Lewis to work in Joe's corner with him.

"Talk about your opening nights at the Metropolitan Opera House! You should have seen the Cirque de Paris that evening, with its plush-lined ring bordered by flowers, ivory white shoulders, jewels and expanse of immaculate white shirt fronts! The Rothschilds, Vanderbilts, George Gould, Countess de Castellaine and the rest of the social cream really made a night of it!

"Well, the bout got under way, and for thirty rounds Jeannette absorbed one of the most vicious pastings I've ever seen any fighter take. In the first nineteen rounds, McVey had Joe on the canvas twenty-one times! How Jeannette survived that beating is something I never expect to know.

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"BUT they never made 'em any gamer than Joe. He kept plugging away, and gradually the tide of battle began to turn. About the thirty-second round, Lewis remarked to Joe that he looked better than McVey. 'Sure, I'm better,' he grinned, 'and I'm going to win,' he replied to Willie.

"Jeannette's body punches were beginning to slow McVey down, and Joe then shifted his attack to the face. In the thirty-ninth round he dropped Sam with a crashing left hook to the chin. That was the beginning of the end.

"By the forty-second round, both of McVey's eyes were closed. His nose was broken and his face was battered almost beyond recognition. Amazingly, despite the terrific lacing he had taken, Jeannette was practically unmarked.

"At the end of the forty-ninth, McVey was a pitiable sight. At the bell, he swayed in mid-ring, blinded and groping. He couldn't find his corner, and his seconds had to lead him there.

"When the gong rang for the fiftieth, McVey stumbled to his feet, but couldn't see. His handlers half carried, half led him to ring center, and put his gloved hand in Jeannette's.

"'I can't see you, Joe,' he groaned. 'Even if I could, I couldn't lift my arms. I've gone as far as I can. You win.'

"That was a fight, and one I'll never forget. It was after three o'clock in the morning when we left the arena, a happy but mighty tired crew.

"And you can imagine that guy, Jeannette! You'd think, after that gruelling affair, he'd have only one idea in mind—a long rest, with plenty of sleep. But not him.

"It was about four o'clock before Lewis and I hit the hay. Willie had a fight coming up the following week with Honey Mellody, but figured this was one morning he'd pass up his roadwork. Lewis already had done plenty of it climbing up and down those ring steps, working in Jeannette's *(Continued on page 35)*

Glorified Boxing

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the splendid thoroughbred horses and carriages that preceded the gasoline era. When "Tony" was ten years old, his dad tore up the floor, pitched a ring where the floor had been and installed seats to accommodate the most fashionable society and the three years that followed were among "Tony's" greatest.

To that re-built barn, before an always capacity gathering, Major Biddle brought the ringmasters of his time. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Joe Gans, Young Griffo, Frank Erne, Kid Williams, Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Corbett were among the great men of pugilism who displayed their wares before the fashionable gathering on the Biddle estate. And always the opponent was Major Biddle, who during the last world war was raised to the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps where he was in charge of physical training and hand-to-hand fighting.

After boxing, there were buffet suppers and the celebrities of the ring were then, at least, on an equal footing with the social elite. As a result, Major Biddle believed that boxing gained many converts and in later years, his son, "Tony," continued the interest in the sport displayed by his eminent dad. Until "Tony" became a United States Ambassador, he frequently visited the Garden on fight nights.

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IN discussing with newspapermen his purchase of the half interest in Rene DeVos, "Tony" Biddle remarked that he did it only for the sport. "I feel that I can help boxing," he remarked to THE RING Editor, "and see no harm in taking such an interest in a good fighter and letting someone else, like Jimmy Bronson, handle the boy. I want none of his earnings. All I care about is to see him rise to the top and eventually take the place now occupied by Champion Mickey Walker."

"Eventually boxing stables may replace racing stables," he continued. "Spruille Braden and Walter Chrysler already have bought Knute Hansen, but I have a better man in DeVos. Knute, you know, was knocked out the other night by K.O. Christner, and that, by the way, gives me a chance to get on the phone now and kid Walter about his fighter.

"I can't help but be interested in boxing. I was brought up on it. My father was a boxing enthusiast and that's all we heard in our home from as long back as I can remember. It's the greatest sport in the world. What other form of exercise develops the body like boxing? What other sport produces those smooth, long muscles, quickens the eye and fits you for everything else? That's why I'm so keen on giving boxing a big lift by putting some money into it.

"My brother and I had boxing gloves when we were five years old and when I was ten, I knew all the fine points of the game and could give a good account of myself. While many other sports may have been discussed in other homes, in our house boxing was the big topic.

"I remember when I was a youngster, about twelve years old, Bob Fitzsimmons was invited by dad to spar with him. When Fitz arrived, dad wasn't ready and there was Bob, none too carefully dressed, with his suspenders dangling from his shoulders. He walked up to me.

"'Square off,' he said. As I did, I flicked a glancing tap off Fitz's nose. I thought that was a great trick for me to have done. Then Fitz brushed his glove across my eyes until it seemed as if my eyelids had been turned inside out.

"I dashed at him really mad and the next I knew, I was sitting on the floor a couple of feet away. Well, Fitz laughed his head off. He went into the next room with my father who had seen the setto, and they enjoyed the fun at my expense.

"Then Fitz came out and said: 'Son, I think I have taught you a lesson. That is, always keep your temper whether you are boxing or doing something else. It will help you even in business. Whatever you do, never lose your temper.' Even as a kid that sank in. I never thereafter lost my temper about anything."

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A CHIP off the old block, that's what "Tony" Biddle has always been. Like his father who passed away recently, so strongly is "Tony" Biddle for the physical benefits accruing from boxing that he has always favored the introduction of the sport in schools and colleges in a compulsory way. The late Col. Biddle was responsible for having boxing introduced in the army camps during the first world war and through him, it became a permanent part of the physical training of both draftees and regulars so that today boxing is a major sport wherever Uncle Sam's servicemen gather.

Boxing owes much to Colonel Biddle and to his son, the sport can never repay them for the good they did.

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RENE DEVOS' first fight under the Biddle banner was in the Garden with Ace Hudkins. "Tony" gave a party to the scribes in advance of the fight at which millionaires rubbed elbows with boxing writers and with managers and fighters.

Biddle engaged the entire roof of the St. Regis for a continuance of the party after the fight and he had another big dining room given over to the pugilistic proletariat and the assemblage was the most unique in the history of the sport in this country. Never before or after was any such affair staged.

Following that affair Mr. Braden acquired the Chilean Romero Rojas and had him train at Braden's palatial palace on the Hudson. Down in Palm Beach, Edward F. Hutton assembled a crew of gladiators under the tutelage of Walter Monahan who trained Jess Willard for his fight with Jack Dempsey. Roy Wallace, an Indiana light-heavyweight, and four heavyweights were stationed at Palm Beach amid the tropical splendor of Florida for the edification of the social set assembled there.

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IT was great while it lasted but it didn't last long. The millionaires soon learned that the fighters could eat more than a herd of elephants and trumpet louder about bad hands, stomach aches, corns, bunions and other ailments. On top of that, most of the fighters acquired by these millionaires couldn't fight anyway so one by one the gladiators faded out of the picture.

So did the millionaires. It wasn't long before the nation suffered its greatest stock crash in years and with it came the crash of the millionaires, including many who were original members of that famous "Garden 600." That depression took with it "Fisticuffs Preferred," so far as the millionaires were concerned, but it didn't put much of a crimp into the fight game which continued where they had taken over and has been carried on, regardless of the nation's financial status, ever since.

When one talks of the "good old days" of boxing, he usually refers to the period when the giants of fistiana were at their best, when the greatest array of fistic talent in all divisions entertained the public, but there was another period that goes into that category, that which lasted only about a year and was launched when "Tony" Biddle came forth as a manager.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

WILLIE PEP, 129¾, Hartford, proved conclusively to 5500 fans who paid $14,525 that he is every inch a champion by the masterly way in which he won the unanimous decision over Charles Cabey Lewis, 130¾, Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Auditorium in ten rounds while scoring two knockdowns. Lewis was not only tough but dangerous all the way. Some of his sharp counterpunching surprised the champion and won applause from the crowd. Of the two Pep was the more marked up at the finish.

Sitting in the dressing room after the bout with an ice pack on his left eye and blood dripping from a cut on his right ear, Pep said, "I got me a black eye that is a beaut. That Lewis is tough and always gives me trouble."

Other results:

Pat Murphy, 133¼, Racine, defeated Marion Rhoten, 132½, Milwaukee, six.

Nick Stato, 130¾, Providence, R. I., defeated Charley Baxter, 134, Cincinnati, six.

Bob Sandberg, 137½, Rockford, Ill., defeated Oliver Cobbins, 139¾, Cincinnati, six.

Tony Gunia, 138¼, Milwaukee, defeated Fred Hadley, 141, Racine, four.

John Hardy, 189, Milwaukee, knocked out Jesse James, 224, Antigo, 2:27 of the first round.

Troy Luckett, 133½, Milwaukee, knocked out John Goode, 132, Cincinnati, 1:07 of the first round.

Matchmaker Al Fain had a nice fight card with plenty of thrills packed in the 40 round program. Forty rounds is the limit permitted by law here for professional boxing. I was reminded of this when a fan came to me and said, "Pinky, the fights were swell but too many bouts. I like to spear a beer and talk over the fights before going home to mama." Walter Liginger was the chairman of our first boxing commission—he would never permit over 32 rounds of an evening—the boxing fan is like the English lion hunter—he gets a bigger kick out of telling what happened than seeing it—give Mr. Fan a chance to get around to his favorite hangout after the show and argue and you'll make boxing fans—that was some of Liginger's boxing wisdom.

Boxing commissioners could do worse than examine some of the gloves being submitted to promoters by manufacturers with new ideas on padding. Some of our recent injuries might be due to packed padding. I examined a set recently sent in and they weighed eight ounces all right but I would rather get hit with a fist encased in just a skin glove because the glove was tightly packed and the added weight would shake you up like no skintight glove of lighter weight could do. We experimented with various types of gloves with fillers of all kinds, years ago in our boxing school, and found sponge rubber, kopak, mohair, cotton and hair mixtures, lacked the protection a boxing glove should afford. Just because a glove is nice to look at and made of good leather is not an indication it warrants a boxing commission recommendation.

Recently in Philadelphia I was with four old opponents of mine, Lew Tendler, Nate Goldman, Bobby Barrett and Tim Droney and believe me any time any one of them was in the ring with you one thing was certain—you were in for a very rough evening. It pleased me to see they were so well set financially and bore none of the marks of the profession. Two eastern fighters who were as popular in Milwaukee as hometown boys were Tendler and the late Benny Leonard. When Benny dropped in here to referee several shows for brother Billy he received as big an ovation as the fighters.

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Though the battle lasted less than fifteen minutes, it was a spectacular one all the way with one wrestler having the advantage one minute and losing it the next. Grable started bleeding from a cut above his left eye at the beginning of the match and it seemed doubtful if he could continue battling for long. But he surprised everybody by coming along in grand style. After a week or two of rest, he'll be able to defend his title against all comers.

Honolulu fans have seen quite a number of roughhouse grapplers in the persons of Sammy Cohen, Bucky O'Neill, Jacques Manuel and their likes but Tony Morelli, the latest addition to the local mat colony, has added a new note to the gentle art of being rough and has given local fans something new to talk about. His battle against clever Maurice LaChappelle was as hectic as any ever seen here. The way he roughed LaChappelle, made some of the more ardent fans nearly jump into the ring to aid the French-Canadian.

Morelli is no newcomer to the Islands. He was here in 1941 when he won the Hawaiian title from Ben Pilar, the champion then, only to lose it to another mainlander in the person of Bill Wiedner.

A former New Yorker, Morelli now makes his home in Los Angeles. At one time he held the national AAU 175 pound title. He held the Florida State title for six years.

Another veteran returning to Hawaii, is Leo Wallick, the handsome giant who is quite popular with the fans here. Wallick, who hails from Columbus, Ohio, had to retire last year after suffering a broken hand. Now he's O.K. again and hungry for the title.

Since his return to his hometown about two months ago Oki Shikina has taken his place among the local topnotchers. Oki has been campaigning on the mainland for the last six or seven years with great success. Of course nothing will please Oki more than to be paired with Lee Grable for a title match but in the meantime he is not just sitting around. To prove his worth he has been taking on all comers with more than fair success.

Other grapplers performing regularly are, Wimpy Willington, Bull Pugh, Charles Shiranuhi, Kaimon Kudo, Bob Corby, Al Lolotai, Harry Dellis, Abel Rodrigues, Ivan Kameroff and Whitey Whittler.

"Dapper Dan"

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corner. What he needed now was not more roadwork, but a large load of sleep.

"Well, it was about seven o'clock when we heard a pounding on the door. Groggy, Willie stumbled out of bed. It was Joe, in his road togs.

" 'Thought I'd keep Willie company this morning and work some of the stiffness out of me with the workout,' he remarked.

"Yes, boxing was a tough, hard-bitten business in those days," McKettrick sighed.

"But I wouldn't swap my memories of them for anything anybody could offer me. They've kept me young through the years."

And that was just how Dapper Dan acted until he became ill and had to be removed to St. Vincent's Hospital. Only three days before he called up on the telephone and said:

"Nat, I've got a couple of boys down here at the dock who insist that Jack Johnson and Flynn fought their title bout in Reno and that Flynn was knocked out in the ninth round. I've bet fifty bucks they're all wet. Now you tell 'em."

With that he placed one of the men on the wire and when I informed him that he had lost his bet because the fight took place at Las Vegas and the police halted the battle in the ninth round after Flynn had been unmercifully beaten, the loser insisted on placing his pal on the 'phone. Dan had the right dope on the fight, but he had a tough time convincing the boys that they had lost their wager. That's how it was with McKettrick.

Though he was engaged in the stevedore business in New York at the time, he had piled up a good sum for a rainy day after having seen poverty on many occasions in past years, and he paid probably more attention to the fight game than he did to his business. To him boxing was his favorite pastime and business could be carried on during spare moments.

A great guy passed into the Great Beyond when Dan McKettrick passed away.

Ring Skyscrapers

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Jersey Joe Walcott hit him the hardest punch he ever felt in their bout back in 1940, which Abe won by a knockout by the way.

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JESS WILLARD, scaling 254 pounds, won the world's heavyweight championship from Jack Johnson in Havana in 1915, and was barbecued by 185-pound Jack Dempsey on that torrid afternoon in Toledo four years later. Jess was generally regarded as the top man among the oversized heavyweights. In condition, Jess took a tremendous punch, and was harder to hurt than any man of his size who ever fought. In this respect he differed greatly from practically all the other behemoths, most of whom were quite fragile when tagged.

Jack Dempsey admits Jess almost tore his head off with a last ditch uppercut in the third round of their Toledo battle, after taking a beating that no other man alive could have withstood. But fighting never seemed to come natural to Willard. He hated to train and never completely realized on his natural advantages. Jess was pretty well along in years, too, as fighters go when he won the title from Johnson. Jess was 32 years old. Willard figured in a ring fatality when he was starting out and some old timers claim Jess never got over the experience. He never really let himself go until he was an old man, fistically.

The last fighter to hit the seven-foot mark in height was Big Ben Moroz, Bill Duffy's discovery from Philadelphia. Big Ben possessed the usual shortcomings of the dreadnaughts. He was easily hurt, pushed rather than punched, and was too easy going in nature to even get out of the preliminary ranks. Big Ben would try it for a while, then retire only to appear again a few months later. He repeated this routine continually and was reported to have figured in a few fights quite recently.

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THE first of the stratospheric sockers appeared on the scene more than a hundred years ago, when Charles Freeman, known as the American Giant, six feet 10 inches tall, invaded England to meet Ben Caunt, British champion, back in 1842. Ever since then mountainous mittmen have been recurrently popping up.

Those who convince the oversized lads that fortune and fame are to be found in fisticuffs, more often than not find themselves and the big one floundering in a fizzling fiasco. Such a case applied to the great Olympic weight-throwing champion, Jack Torrance. Torrance like most of the other giants, good-natured and kind-hearted, listened to the blandishments of smooth talkers and let himself be inveigled into the ring. A marvel on the athletic field, where he held the world's record in the shot-put until recently, and a fine performer on the football gridiron, the 260-pound Louisiana State athlete's ring career is recalled not for its accomplishments, but for its comic aspects and the jams which the naive Giant and his handlers got themselves into.

A long time ago, Ed Dunkhorts, a 300-pounder, known as the Human Freight Car, won himself a left-handed reputation by being flattened by a man he outweighed almost 150 pounds, Bob Fitzsimmons. This is probably the record for weight concession. Ruby Robert, who turned the trick, was a great fighter, even though little more than a middleweight. He held the heavyweight championship of the world. This bout took place on April 30, 1900.

Unusually big men rarely possess the coordination, ability to withstand punishment, endurance, determination, or speed necessary to gain success as boxers. The majority of the misguided ones who've tried it would have been better off had they been handled as Cully has been by the New York State Boxing Commission.

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JIMMY WALSH, the Boston Bantam, Rated High in His Division

ALTHOUGH he claimed the bantamweight title, Jimmy Walsh of Boston failed to receive general recognition as a titleholder. Then, when he had an opportunity to advance to the leadership, increasing weight forced him into the featherweight ranks. There Champions Abe Attell and Johnny Kilbane proved too difficult for him to solve.

Walsh was clever with his knuckles and with his pedals. The only bantam champions who rated with him were George Dixon, Terry McGovern, Jimmy Barry, Frankie Neill. Among the feathers, he tickled the fancy better than the champs except Dixon, McGovern, Corbett, Attell, Kilbane.

The most potent rival of Jimmy Walsh was a townsman, Al Delmont, who also fell short of the bantam title, not because of lack of talent, but through force of circumstances, including absence of a big push from behind. Walsh and Delmont were bitter foes and had some stirring battles.

Fights One Cannot Forget

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counted over him, he moved feebly then lay still again. So terrific was the force of the kayo blow, that most of the upper row of Ketchel's teeth were broken off at the gums and two of them were found sticking in Johnson's right glove when it was removed in the dressing room.

The fight was one of the most interesting in the annals of the roped square.

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ONE recalls Dempsey's three round defeat of Willard as an extremely colorful specimen of storm-blasting, furious attack by the winner. But Willard's "last stand" in vain defense of his title didn't provide the correct melodramatic finish, because big Jess was unable or unwilling to stick it out, didn't answer the bell, but "resigned," as the French put it in their polished way.

Dempsey provided plenty of dramatic color in his "last stand" against Tunney. But it is undeniable that the "battle of the long count" would have pleased the fire-eating fans far more had it ended in a definite knockout either way.

Dempsey figured in a number of thrillers, fights that remain the talk of the fans and will be discussed as long as there is a fight game. One of these, the Dempsey-Firpo mill, the contest in which Dempsey was knocked through the ropes, has received as much public attention in stories all over the world as any fight that has ever been recorded.

The champion floored Firpo seven times in the first round and twice in the second before Luis was counted out. But in those three minutes and fifty-seven seconds of whirlwind, terrific milling, Dempsey was knocked once clear through the ropes, out of the ring, where if it had not been for the friendly hands of newspapermen, he would have been counted out. And a second time, Dempsey went down to his knees just before Firpo received the finishing blow.

In that short space of less than two rounds, however, Firpo gave as marvelous an exhibition of gameness as ever was seen in a ring. Battered and bloody, groggy from a terrific bombardment of lefts and rights, Firpo showed a fighting heart by coming back with a whirlwind attack of crushing drives that all but had Dempsey out in the opening session. Dempsey was tottering, closer to losing the championship than in any other battle he had ever engaged, other than the one in Philadelphia where he lost his crown to Tunney.

The contest was the most dramatic in the history of the heavyweight division. It eclipsed the terrific fray in Toledo in which Dempsey tore the laurels from the head of Jess Willard, surpassed in excitement the knockdown of Gene Tunney by Dempsey in their second contest in Chicago and the knockout of Max Schmeling by Joe Louis in 2.04 of the first round in their second encounter.

Dempsey displayed all the assets of a great fighter in the short space following his recovery at the end of the round. He was a fighting demon who was aroused into a state of fury by a wild man and turned the trick on his opponent in a manner that left no doubt about the Manassa Mauler's greatness.

In more recent times Jim Braddock made a commendably gallant "last stand" against Louis, when the latter uncrowned him. Jim got his in an eight round kayo, but he went out, as the saying is—"like a champion should," leaving no room for criticism of his staunch gameness.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

By CHESTER NORTON

MAY was a banner month for the fight game. To begin with, the first annual Diamond Belt show was inaugurated, bringing together the champions of B. C., Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The Prairie boys on the whole showed much less experience than the coast fighters and consequently British Columbia emerged with seven of the eight championships. The heavyweight title went to Saskatchewan and happened to be the only class in which B. C. was not represented. The fight of the two-night-stand was the final in the featherweight class between Frankie White, 1947 Canadian Feather champ, and Frank Almond, 1947 Canadian Bantam champ. Almond came through in very decisive fashion via a K.O. in the second round after a slam bang, see-saw battle. Two other boys who showed up well were Eddie Haddad, and Len Walters.

Title holders in the various classes are as follows:

Flyweight—Len Walters, Vancouver
Bantamweight—Bob Shires, Vancouver
Featherweight—Frank Almond, Vancouver
Lightweight—Eddie Haddad, R. C. N.
Welterweight—Lyle Kehoe, Vancouver
Middleweight—Bill Brenner, Vancouver
Light-heavyweight—Jeris Jamel, Vancouver
Heavyweight—Adam Faul, Saskatchewan

Haddad also captured the Canadian lightweight championship in the Olympic trials at Montreal while Len Walters and Frank Almond were upset along with the remainder of the B. C. team.

Professional boxing also returned during the month with two well organized and interesting cards. A few more like these and boxing is back to stay.

Phil Palmer was once again defeated on his home grounds. This time by another Canadian. Joey Pyle was imported from Montreal for the event and proceeded to work on Palmer's loss record. The fight was very close, but the fact that Palmer was in dire trouble from right hands in each of the last three frames, assured Joey the verdict.

The semi-windup was a fairly interesting go in eight rounds between Al Davis and Hal Robbins. Robbins, who has had the biggest majority of his fights out of town, presented himself as a much improved battler. He is equipped with one of the finest left jabs this correspondent has seen for quite some time. Hal was awarded the decision.

Roy Wouters, formerly of Montreal and now battling out of Vancouver, showed enough aggressiveness and power to gain a six round decision over Roy Holland of Bremerton. Wouters is a middleweight and has plenty of hustle. He is undefeated in 12 contests and with further experience he should do very well.

The opener brought Harry Smith out of retirement to K.O. Dean Abney in 2:50 of the sixth and final round. Incidentally, this was the only contest in which the new eight count knockdown rule received the opportunity for airing. This rule was adopted before this fight just as it has been widely accepted around the country.

Joey Pyle did a repeat performance for Vancouver fans and added another loss to the record of Phil Palmer. Many fans, however, were of the opinion that the decision should have gone the other way. The fight was very close and a draw certainly would not have been out of order. Palmer fought the cagiest battle I have ever seen him fight and took no chances with the dynamite right hand of Pyle.

Hal Robbins and Dick Wolfe fought to an eight round draw in a very interesting contest. It was not a crowd pleasing type of fight, but featured boxing skill and lots of speed.

In a six round bout Roy Wouters found he had only to go half of it to defeat Dick Abney via a TKO. Abney, who was not in too good condition, wore himself out punching the ever-advancing Wouters. Ralph Clark managed a four round decision over Wayne Parker and George Cote gained a decision over Dean Abney in the opening four round contest.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

PARIS—Marcel Cerdan disappointed his fans by being taken the limit by Lucien Krawczyk, the tough Pole.

Copenhagen—Young Asger Warburg caused a stir here by whipping the experienced French lightweight Paul Dogniaux over eight rounds. Hirsch Demsitz drew with Sadok Bahri, Tunesian lightweight champion. Dutch cruiser Douwe Bakker outscored Christoffersen, and Jean Rose, French welter, won over Jens Nielsen.

Rotterdam—Bep Van Klaveren, the ancient Dutchman, whipped Des Jones, Welsh middle, and Jan De Bruin, welter, outpointed Jack Phillips, also of Wales. Gerrit LeFebre upset the critics by flattening Doorenbosch in the second to take the Dutch light-heavy crown.

Stockholm—Elis Ask, the Fleet Finn, put the skids under Bellatreche of France in the third whilst Yrjoe Piitulainen forced Ali Belaid, North African welter, to retire in round three. Ben Miloud, African lightweight, kayed Kurt Kreuger in two, and Aaron Wilson, the American heavy, won over Arne Sundin of Sweden.

Helge Rasmussen continued his run of successes by winning over Jonocera, French feather. Christensen whipped Abdallah of France, cruisers, and Fredriksen drew with Djalali Bouaziz, bantams. Carl Nielsen, heavy, beat Ange Henche over six.

Paris—Theo Medina put himself on the French fistic heap again by outpointing Georges Mousse for the national bantam crown.

Rotterdam—Bep Van Klaveren chalked up another victory when he outpointed Leon Fouquet, Belgian middle, over ten. Henk Van Klaveren, welter, beat Hans Korber, Yugoslavia, and Job Roos, who just keeps on winning over mediocre opponents, stopped Fre De Vries in one.

Hamburg—Veteran German Jupp Besselmann won over the Dutchman Krusen.

Barcelona—Luis Romero, Spanish bantam king, stopped Pierre Fouilloux of France in the third.

Brussels — Piet Wilde retained his Belgian heavyweight title by beating Robert Eugene on points here.

Germany — Rudi Pepper outpointed Dieter Hucks, middleweight.

Paris—Robert Villemain turned in an excellent achievement by whipping Laurent Dauthuille, the classy French middle, for the second time. Villemain rates to whip any ranking European middle, including Cerdan.

Elis Ask, the Finnish bantam, forced K. Filip, the Austrian feather champ, to retire in the third.

Berlin—Hein Ten Huff, the German heavyweight king who was born in Holland, finished the title aspirations of aging Arna Koelblin with a kayo in round seven.

Marseilles—Pierre Montane punched Jean Mougin into retirement in the sixth round in their contest for the French lightweight title which Mougin won from Andre Famechon last September. Montane is a classic stylist with a respectable right hand. He had previously whipped 25-year-old Mougin in 1945.

Brussels—Marcel Cerdan suffered a nasty shock when he was whipped by Cyrille Delannoit for the European middleweight crown. Delannoit, 22-year-old Belgian, was mobbed by the crowd which broke through the ropes. Cerdan burst into tears.

On the same bill Kid Dussart, Belgium, reversed a previous defeat when he outpointed Ray Famechon, the French feather king.

Hamburg—Walter Neusel, one-time Blond Tiger, scored a points victory over the decrepit Max Schmeling. Neusel will meet Richard Grupe for the right to challenge Ten Hoff for the title.

Billy Smith

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to the Smith partisans it appeared as if Smith got the worst of the verdict when Ryan was awarded the decision. What lent color to their assertion was the fact that Joe Choynski, who refereed, was a stablemate of Ryan. Feeling was intense over the result and after a lot of negotiations they were matched for six rounds in Boston. That affair was another torrid one.

Later came their great battle at Coney Island which ended in police interference twice during the eighteen rounds. The bout was finally called a draw by Referee Tim Hurst because of the actions of the authorities.

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RYAN was of a type directly opposite to Smith in every detail. Billy depended on his extreme aggressiveness that amounted to savagery to bring him victory. He was the rushing, tearing-in brand of fighter, a style adopted later by Terry McGovern. Ryan was a brainy chap, clever in attack and defense, a beautiful workman with the gloves. He was cool, no matter how hard the going and depended always on his superlative science to carry him through.

He was the first to adopt the crouch made famous by Jeffries, thus giving an opponent a smaller target to shoot at while giving him an extended left hand that was plied with unusual skill. When one takes into consideration that Ryan's arms were abnormally short for a boxer, his ability to score with his left was uncanny. His crouch gave him an added two inches in reach, an advantage of which he took the full limit. He looked frail as compared to the more rugged Smith, but once they started going Ryan was there every minute.

There had been a common belief that Ryan was a cautious battler, but his record shows this to have been undeserved.

From the first gong, the going in the Ryan-Smith bout was terrific. Billy lashed right and left, crowding Ryan at every point and trying to settle matters as quickly as possible. Ryan uncovered a defense that not only nullified Smith's attack, but his counters were of such a nature that Ryan scored heavily while making Smith miss as often as he landed.

The battle was going along nicely with neither man having an advantage. There had been ugly rumors that the gamblers were down on Ryan to win and that he could not lose but there was nothing to the reports. The Smith backers had every faith in Tim Hurst, the referee.

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IN the eighth round, Smith had scored heavily and Ryan was beginning to show signs of trouble. Tommy's generalship, however, carried him through until the eleventh round, when Smith punished him so badly that Ryan was hanging on the hopes helpless while Hurst started to count him out.

At this point Captain Clayton and a squad of men invaded the ring and ordered the fight stopped. Ryan was taken to his corner and fixed up during the excitement.

Smith on the contrary was running around the ring, quarrelling with the referee, the police and everybody in general, claiming that he had been robbed when victory was so clearly in sight. In some way Captain Clayton was mollified and he consented to the contest going along, but threatened that any heavy punching would mean a definite stop to further hostilities.

Ryan came from his corner for the beginning of the twelfth round fresh as a man could be who had been on the verge of a knockout, while Smith, who had taken no rest of any consequence and was keyed with resentment at what he felt was an effort to job him and to save Ryan, started off with his brain in a whirl and with only the complete annihilation of Ryan as his objective.

It was just the mental state that would suit a man of Ryan's temperament and Tommy began to jab and dance away from his infuriated opponent. Added to this, Ryan began to "kid" Smith, and of all the things that Billy could not stand for, it was "kidding." A jab or an uppercut was followed by some tantalizing remark until Smith became bewildered. Thus Ryan talked himself out of trouble.

Tommy kept up his advantage and was smearing Smith at a rate that spelled disaster to Billy. In the early part of the 18th round, Ryan drove Smith to the ropes with a succession of body drives and rights to the jaw that almost sent Smith over the ropes with his back to Ryan, absolutely done, just as Ryan had been earlier in the contest. Hurst again started to count, but once more and this time for keeps, the contest was stopped by the police and Hurst declared the battle a draw.

Later Hurst explained that because of the threats of the police Captain Jim Wescott, manager of Ryan, had insisted that in case of interference of any nature, a draw must be declared. In view of the two situations at the time of the stoppages, this appeared to be the proper verdict, no matter how we felt at the time.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By SOL C. MALOON

JOHANNESBURG—George Angelo, 144½, gave Sten Stuvio, 145¾, the visiting Finnish welterweight, a boxing lesson over ten rounds. Angelo's sparkling footwork dazzled the Finn and his rapier-like left found its mark repeatedly.

Preliminaries—Jimmy Toweel, 126¾, outclassed Jimmy Webster, 115½, the latter retiring at the end of the fourth round. This was a badly matched contest.

Archie Smith, 187½, a seasoned veteran, was far too experienced for Conrad Botha, 183, and easily outpointed him in six. Two willing lads, Abe Mulder, 157¼, and Young Rosella, 151½, fought a good draw. Harry King, 126½, K.O.'ed George Kane, 123, in the first of a scheduled four.

DURBAN—The Scottish cruiserweight, Bert Gilroy, won his first South African contest by outpointing Johnny De Villiers over ten rounds.

H. Roberts, 149¾, K.O.'ed D. J. McKay, 146½, in the first round. E. Collins, 201½, outpointed J. Botha, 192¾. Sten Suvio, 142¾, Finnish welterweight champion, outpointed Piet Van Staden, 144¼. In a thrilling welterweight battle, Don Carr again beat Maurice Ouezman of France.

JOHANNESBURG—Nick Wolmarans, 184¾, the S. A. cruiserweight champion, dropped the decision but added to his reputation in his ten-round contest with the French heavyweight champion, Stephane Olek, 184½.

Preliminaries—Freddie Vorster, 167½, fought a very clever fight to outpoint the Holland cruiserweight champion, Willie Quentenmeyer, 179¼, over 8 rounds. The Dutchman was the stronger of the two but brain triumphed over brawn and Freddie ran out a comfortable winner. Jimmy Toweel, 129, T.K.O.'ed Harry King, 126¾, when the latter failed to come up for the third round. Ervie Ehlers, 158¾, maintained his unbeaten record by outpointing Young Rosella, 153½, in a hard fight over 6 rounds. Piet Strydom T.K.O.'ed Billy Wood, in a heavyweight bout scheduled for 6 rounds. The latter was forced to retire at the end of the fifth session with a cut eye.

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LETTERS *from Our* READERS

SEVERAL persons showed me the article in the June RING concerning the middleweight division where you claim Frank Klaus was the champion. Ha! Ha!

You contradicted yourself several times in your article. In the first place I won the middleweight championship of the world over Billy Papke (not in 12 rounds as you stated), but 20 rounds, on February 22, 1912, in the Baseball Park at Sacramento, California, and we both weighed in below 158 pounds. Had Papke been overweight as you say, I would have taken Tom Jones's, Papke's manager's $500 forfeit money. *(Sorry for the error. The fight was a 20-rounder, not twelve.—Editor)*

In regard to Papke knocking me out in one round, that's what the record shows, but the truth of the affair is, Papke threw me down and I claimed a foul. There was a dispute over the "kayo." Furthermore, I was only a welterweight at the time.

Yes, I remember Papke boxing Bob Moore in Boston, but not at the weight, but catchweights. Regarding Cyclone Johnny Thompson, he couldn't make the light-heavyweight division bedside.

Now, I'll tell you something you don't know. In our Boston fight, Klaus would not get on the scales and weigh in. I weighed 156 pounds.

Meyer Murray of the Boston Armory and Johnny Mooney, the matchmaker and promoter, gave me $300 to go on with the fight when I insisted on Klaus getting on the scales. That was Klaus' forfeit money.

In the same year, in September, I was called on the 'phone by Jimmy Dime to take Klaus on in a 24-hour notice at the Duquesne Gardens in Pittsburgh in one of those six-round exhibition affairs, such as he fought Stanley Ketchel, and Klaus again refused to get on the scales.

Of course, whatever you wrote in your article was your opinion, but I made him look like a first-class clown in his home city, Pittsburgh, Pa.

When I came East in September, 1912, the late Tom O'Rourke asked me to fight Papke at the New Star Casino on October 1, 1912, the same year in which I defeated him in California. Nat, you were there when Papke and I were in the dressing room and the Boxing Commission explained the rules to us. The doctor gave both of us an examination, then Papke told Tom O'Rourke he was going out to the drug store to get some smelling salts, but as you know, and then wrote in the New York *Press*, he never returned.

Now, Nat Fleischer, did he run away with the championship then after me beating him in 20 rounds? And didn't Klaus claim the championship after the Papke fight in Paris in 1913?

Papke was not the champion then, for as you know, I won it from him February 22, 1912, and we both weighed below 158 pounds. It was not an overweight match as you claim. Clippings will prove that and I have them.

In your article you say Frank Klaus boxed Cyclone Thompson in New York City in one of those ten-round, no-decision events, but in 1912, Nat, had you been in Sacramento, Calif., on July 3, 1912, the same year that I beat Papke for the middleweight championship, I fought Cyclone Johnny Thompson not in a no-decision ten-round exhibition event, but in a 20-round fight, and what a lacing and a going over I gave him! They called it a draw, which your records will show, yet I won by a mile. It was no contest so far as I was concerned I beat him so badly.

In regard to my fighting Papke for the championship, W. W. Naughton of the San Francisco *Examiner* and the dean of the Pacific Coast sportswriters, accompanied by Pat McGilligan of the San Francisco *Bulletin*, came to Sacramento to cover the Papke fight. The same afternoon that I was fighting Papke for the championship, Frank Klaus was boxing Sailor Petrusky for the championship of the Pacific Fleet in San Francisco, and when the event was over, the pasting I gave Papke surprised Naughton. Mr. Naughton came into my dressing room, patted me on the back and congratulated me for winning the world's middleweight championship.

Now, Nat, I have no ill feelings or grudge against you or any other human being. You wrote your opinion and were entitled to it, and of course as you know, I quit the fighting game in 1921 as a married man with a family, and now have four grandchildren, and have too much to think about. I don't want to argue my point any further except to say that most assuredly I was the world middleweight king.

FRANK MANTELL,
Newark, New Jersey.

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ENJOYED the article in THE RING of February, and particularly that about Jack Munroe. I also served in the Princess Patricias, but missed meeting the boxer for he was wounded just before I joined the unit as a member of the 1st University Coy, reinforcements. He was hit in old 63 Trench in the vicinity of Armentieres by a sniper while carrying a stretcher.

I was told he was always called in to settle arguments between us and some other regiment! I do not know whether he lost his arm or not, but after the war I understand he became a mayor in a Canadian city.

From the official record—Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1914-1919, I find this—Munroe, J. A., Reg. No. 1769, joined Aug., 1914, Pte. (private) w. (wounded) June 5, 1915, s.o.s (struck off strength) June 10, 1915.

I am a New Yorker. My father, Dr. Frank A. McGuire, was visiting physician to the Tombs Prison for many years, about the time of the Thaw and Nan Paterson affairs.

JAMES A. McGUIRE,
Tucson, Arizona.

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THE Icelanders have added boxing to their sporting make-up and are getting closer to "Big League" competition with each succeeding boxing show. They held their eliminations in the eight weight divisions and soon are to have the Icelandic champions. The boxing shows were held in Andrews Field House near the Icelandic Capitol, Reykjavik. This is the same field house that was used by the armed forces during the last war.

Here the weekly boxing shows on Saturday nights saw capacity houses with cheering men in uniform from England, Russia, and the U.S.A. Icelanders evidenced much interest in the boxing bouts and soon the special services section headed by Lt.-Col. Lee F. Gilstrap encouraged competition among the leading Icelandic athletic clubs such as the Armann Club, the I.R. and K.R. Athletic Clubs. The writer of this letter sent Corporal Louis Lucchese to train the young lads and soon they "opened" each of the garrison shows. The audience could see the fine improvement the Icelandic youngsters showed with each succeeding affair.

Now two years later, I have received a detailed letter from Gudmundur Arason, the Icelandic "Mike Jacobs," with a photo showing the eight winners in as many weights. The Armann Club boasted of five winners in the eight weight divisions. So it is with a grand feeling like that of watching the small acorn grow into a giant oak, that we see Iceland taking to the grand sport of boxing in exciting style, due to the teaching of the American soldiers stationed there during the war. Just another case of boxing, like baseball, following the U.S. flag.

I was a member of special services under Major General William S. Key and I had the opportunity to encourage and foster the boxing needs of the talented Icelandic lads.

They have come a long way and we are mighty proud of them all.

DAVID ZINKOFF,
Announcer, Penna. State Athletic Commission.

IF IT'S BOXING YOU'LL READ IT IN THE RING FIRST!

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in the ninth, with Jack the winner.

Two more years elapsed before Johnson defended again, and beat Frank Moran in Paris, in 20. Then came a ten round draw with Jim Johnson, also in France.

Johnson was on the lam, with the law on his trail for Mann Act violation in the United States. Poor Jack was hounded and finally solved his problem by taking a siesta in a sunbaked Havana ring, making big Jess Willard the champion.

Willard's short tenure was uneventful. Jack Dempsey knocked him out in Toledo, in 1919.

Jack was the king until September 23, 1926, when Gene Tunney outpointed him in ten rounds in Philadelphia.

As champion, Dempsey never had two fights with any opponent. Talk of a return bout with Willard died out quickly. For one thing, Jess had had enough of Dempsey. Willard was not on the canvas when he lost the title. He was sitting in his corner, whipped, blinded, cut to ribbons, dazed.

Plaster of Paris bandages on Jack? Well, there have been some such rumors. But Willard definitely was not a great fighter, and the ring gained by his defeat, and the rise of the dramatic, hard punching Dempsey.

Tunney's reign as the heavyweight champion of the world was handicapped by kidney trouble, which eventually forced an operation, and retirement from the ring.

After Gene had beaten Dempsey in Philadelphia, he did it again in Chicago a year later.

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IN July 1928, Gene stopped Tom Heeney in eleven rounds, and that was the end of the Tunney regime.

After that, heavyweight conditions became muddled until Louis won the title by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round on June 22, 1937.

After Tunney's retirement, Max Schmeling, of Germany, beat Jack Sharkey on a foul in the fourth, but two years later, the Boston tar took the title by outpointing Schmeling.

Primo Carnera knocked out Sharkey, Max Baer stopped Primo, Braddock outpointed Baer, and then came Louis.

Joseph Barrow, who took the name Louis for ring purposes, was born on May 13, 1914, at Lexington, Alabama.

Thus, when Louis met Joe Walcott last December, he was nearing his thirty-fourth birthday. When Joe tangled with Walcott the second time he was on his way to 35.

A heavyweight at 34 is a tired man. Particularly is he loaded with fatigue and ennui if, like Louis, he has dodged nobody, taken on any and every contender who looked as if he had a chance.

Years ago the spectacle of a heavyweight champion sticking to the ring, and fighting whenever challenged by a man who could draw a crowd, certainly was not the usual thing.

Just run through Nat Fleischer's ALL-TIME RING RECORD BOOK and note how, after one of those old champions landed the title, he began to look to the stage rather than the roped arena for his dough.

At age 34, a fighter is tired of training. Weight doesn't come off so easily any more. In fact, poundage defies the fighter, the scales sneer at him.

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IT'S painful to get up to a daily regimen of sparring with more or less eager training partners. It's tough to stick to the training routine, boring to answer the same old questions from the same old fight writers, asking them in the same old way.

How is it going? How do you feel? What round, this time? Yah, yah,—and the calendar running along, box blithely, and Father Time shouting a warning, "34 is enough! Retire!"

But retiring is not easy. There are income taxes, current and old ones, too. There is the lure of the heavy sugar—from the gate, from the movies, radio and television. How Tex Rickard would have revelled in this 1948 going!

And, of course, there are publicity, the public life, adulation and the headlines. The champion finds these too sweet to throw away, voluntarily.

So it is seldom that your titleholder will quit before he is belted out. Tunney did it because he was not well. Jeffries did it because there was no one in sight with whom to draw a real gate. Not until Johnson came along, and Jeff was talked out of his retirement.

To retire, and stay retired—well, that really is something. Tunney did it. But Jeff couldn't. Even Benny Leonard, who quit as lightweight king, came back as a welterweight, a mere shell of his old self, a reproach to the laurels he had held so gloriously.

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IN this Louis-Walcott situation we find a factor which seldom has been encountered in heavyweight title competition of the more serious sort.

Louis is a Negro, Walcott is a Negro. Never before have two members of that race created so much furore in the heavyweight division.

Rickard always maintained that an all-Negro fight definitely could not draw. He also held that a white-Negro match for the heavyweight title could not create sufficient popular interest and would not make a Dempsey-Wills match on that account. I do not believe that Tex felt Wills could stop Jack.

However, since the Rickard heyday, conditions have changed. There is no race feeling in the ring, none whatsoever North of the Mason and Dixon Line, and, I believe, little South of it.

The Louis-Walcott battles in the Garden and the Stadium were the first serious scraps for the big title between two Negroes.

Years ago, Jack Johnson met Jim Johnson in Paris. I do not know how serious that one really was. In any event, it wound up in a fiasco. Jack broke his arm in the tenth, and to protect him, the referee stopped the battle and called it a draw. According to the late Dan McKettrick, who saw that battle, the referee should have awarded the crown to Jim Johnson when Jack couldn't continue.

Louis met John Henry Lewis, Negro holder of the light-heavyweight title, but this was a quickie.

Lewis, who was reported to be suffering from highly impaired sight, was knocked out in the first round.

Many years ago, the idea of a Negro heavyweight champion never was considered seriously.

If a great Negro heavy developed, he had a very difficult time getting on-the-level matches with white champions. John L. Sullivan never would fight Peter Jackson. Jack Johnson's opportunity was created in a devious way, as I have shown, by Jeff's retirement, and Jack's fight with Burns in Australia.

Joe Jeannette, a marvel, Sam Langford, ditto,—neither ever had a chance to gain the title.

Better times, these,—socially, and for the Negro in the American ring. But for the white heavies, this is an interlude of sorry portent.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By MICKEY DAVIES

PROMOTERS Carroll Cook and Walter Ketchel got off to a good start in their initial promotional venture at Charleston, W. Va. Armory. A well balanced bill was offered the Capitol City fans, with Greenville, S. C., in the top spot. Coffey was caught in the opening frame with a jolting right that dropped him for a nine count, but he came back strong to administer a kayo to Reid in the third.

In a supporting eight rounder, Ronnie (Bulldog) Harper, 140, stopped Doc Campbell, 141, in the 4th round. Harper is a good looking prospect.

The best action of the evening came out of the main prelim that featured featherweights Reggie (Dry) Martina and Don Beagle. Martina copped the duke in six heats. It was learned following the melee that Beagle broke his right hand in the third round.

Remainder of card: Billy Cassity, 155, kayoed Guy Miller, 156, (4). Sam Shamblin, 128, decisioned Ralph Rogers, 126, (4). Bob LaLance refereed the entire card.

NOTE—Howard and Sol Brammer, Phoenix, please contact Willard Coffey, YMCA, Charleston, W. Va.

Prospects of the Month—Ron Harper, Billy Cassity, and Reggie Martina, of Charleston.

Huntington, Radio Center—Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 131, kayoed Doyle Upchurch, 135, Muncie, Ind. (4), Mose Brown, 185, beat Lee (Cat) Carter, 178, Indianapolis, (10); Guy Miller, 155, stopped Dick Satterfield, 155, (4); Reggie Martina, 126, bested Eddie Banils, 127, (6).

Wheeling, Auditorium—Marion Klingingsmith, 160, decisioned Larry Huff, 158, Pittsburgh, (10).

Huntington, Radio Center—Charley Banks, 166, Cincinnati, came off the floor 3 times to fight Art Brownie, 172, (6); Ronnie Hamlin, 146, stopped Eddie Martin, 137, (5); Carl Allen, 176, decisioned Big John Cartwright, 218, (4).

To BM, Kentucky—Gunboat Davis now resides at S. Norwalk, Conn.

Tommy Leeder's good heavyweight, Colion Chaney, added Sid Peaks to his list of victims recently at Indianapolis. Chaney seems to be coming along great at this writing. Chaney also has scored recent victories over Henry (Snow) Flake, Mose Brown, Abel Cestac, Buddy Walker, and Lee Oma.

Active Clubs in West Virginia: Radio Center, Huntington, Jack Sheppard, Dick Deutsch. Boxing, Inc., Charleston, Walter Ketchel, Carroll Cook. Wheeling Boxing Club, Geo. K. Brown.

West Va. Notes: Over in our sister state of Virginia, boxing is on the "boom," especially in Roanoke, where two clubs are running with great success. The Magic City A. C., with Bunk Sweeney and Paul Stankey at the helm, as well as Boxing, Inc., with genial John Hodges as No. 1 tub-thumper, are giving the citizens of Roanoke top-notch fistic attractions.

The following talent can be booked through this reporter: Johnny Protan, 118, (W); Reggie Martina, 126, (C); Don Beagle, 126, (W); Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 130-33, (W); Eddie Martin, 135-38, (C); Ron Harper, 138, (W); A. B. Morton, 143, (W); Willard Coffey, 145, (W); Sterling Willey, 140, (W); Guy Miller, 155, (C); Billy Cassity, 155, (W); Billy Jackson, 170, (C); Billy Weeks, 170, (W); Carl Allen, 165-70, (W); Red Bineyard, 170, (C); Mose Brown, 185, (C); John Cartwright, heavy.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

IKE WILLIAMS retained his lightweight title in a 15-round bout with Enrique Bolanos at Los Angeles. It was a fast and hotly contested go and the decision was a split one, but the champion's harder punching and aggressiveness earned him the nod. There was some very extreme voting on the results, Referee Charley Randolph favoring Bolanos, while one of the judges (Johnny Indrisano) had Williams winning 13 rounds and by 12 points. This observer credited Williams with eight rounds, Bolanos four and tabbed three even.

Williams, with the expression of an executioner, stalked Bolanos throughout. Ike seemed determined to repeat his knockout victory over the Mexican boxer, but found Enrique a more durable foe than he was two years ago. Williams jabbed Bolanos at will in the early rounds and had Enrique's nose swollen badly by the end of the fourth heat. Bolanos avoided Ike's jabs in the fifth and sixth, and countered with hooks to win both rounds. Again, after dropping the seventh, Bolanos came back to cop the eighth and ninth heats.

The battle took a decided turn in Williams' favor in the tenth. Ike gave the challenger a lacing in the next five rounds, although Enrique fought back courageously every inch of the way. The champion shook Bolanos up a number of times in the late rounds, but only once came near to flooring him. It was in the 13th, when a hard right to the jaw staggered Enrique, causing him to clinch. Bolanos suffered a badly cut eye in the 14th when the battlers collided head-on.

Bolanos put out with every ounce of his waning strength in the 15th, to fight the champion on even terms in this final round. The decision was greeted by some booing, as there were many of Bolanos' countrymen present and they are a zealous following. Williams was well paid for his services, receiving $48,000. And a check for $18,000 should have been a soothing balm to Bolanos' bruised beak.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy, as usual, supported the Williams-Bolanos go with a bang-up card of preliminaries. Some of the best club fighters in this area were featured in six four-rounders. The results:

Les Thomas, 133, Chicago, defeated Billy Gibson, 135, San Francisco, in a hard-hitting setto, twice depositing Gibson on the canvas.

Pee Wee Swingler, 131, Youngstown, Ohio, bested Rocky Haro, 130, Hanford, Calif., in a fast go. Swingler floored and almost finished Haro in the opening heat.

Billy Mimms, 149, Philadelphia, won a split decision over Buster Smith, Phoenix, Ariz., in a clever, but not exciting contest.

Mike Angustain, 160, stopped Billy Corbett, 158, in the third.

Freddie (Babe) Herman, 138, chilled Al Gonzales, 138, in the second heat after decking him twice in the first round.

Rodney Jones, 168, whipped Enoch Lee, 173, in the opener.

Cal Eaton, promoter of the Williams-Bolanos title bout, had predicted that the gate would break all California records. We (meaning most of us wisenheimers) didn't think so. We (the same crowd) had apparently forgotten that Eaton was the man who took the padlock off the Olympic Auditorium—the arena that we (ditto) said was dead beyond recall—and promoted it into the most successful fight club in the entire west.

Well, the bout, staged at Wrigley Field, did top all other California gates, grossing $152,867, with a paid attendance of 25,332. And the show, like the other Eaton-McCoy outdoor promotions, was well conducted.

If Ernie Rios, 184, had not opened up a cut over Tommy Garland's left eye in the third round of their clash at the Ocean Park Arena, it wouldn't have been such a miserable evening for Ernie. Garland is most always content to merely outpoint his opponents, but fear of the bout being halted because of the eye injury, prompted Tommy to turn on the heat. Garland didn't stop Rios, or even floor the game Mexican, but he gave Ernie a lacing for the rest of the bout to win the unanimous decision.

In supporting bouts, Chuck Wilkerson, 123, defeated Bee Jiminez, 128, in the six-round semi; Tello Cruz, 136, bested Vernon Jordan, 138, in a four; Harold Jordan, 140, K.O.'ed Willie Brown, 146, in the third; Felix Ayala, 132, nodded Sammy Zelman, 132, in four.

After his experience with Jackie Wilson at the Hollywood Stadium, Earl Turner of Richmond, Calif., should have had enough trial up-and-downs to qualify as an elevator operator. California Jackie had the Earl of Richmond on the floor no less than six times. All this happened in the first half of a bitter punchfest. And besides the many knockdowns, Turner was bleeding from nose, mouth and right eye.

Turner's case appeared so hopeless at the end of the fifth, that the referee would have been justified in halting it. However, although weak and dazed as he went to his corner, Turner mustered up enough strength to hold Wilson even in the sixth and came back strong to cop the next three heats over his tiring tormentor. In the eighth, Turner had Jackie staggering from a barrage of hard rights, but Wilson pounded out an edge in the final round with trip-hammer rights to finish well ahead. Wilson weighed 148, Turner 150.

In the six-round semi, Lem Thomas, 134, Chicago Negro, won handily over Lou Fillipo, 137, Los Angeles Italian. Lem lammed Lou to the canvas in both the third and fourth heats.

In the four-rounders, Rudy Vasquez, 128, Glendale, bested Renaldo Delgado, 127, Havana. Rudy decked the Cuban in the final round; Freddie Garcia, 150, decisioned Richard Lopez, 148; Dave Gallardo, 122, nodded Pepe Gonzales, 123; Ray Sandoval, 137, beat Louis Jamerson, 134, in the opener.

In most cases, small crowds distress the boxers (those that fight on percentage of the gate, that is) and they do not make their best efforts. But the thought of so few San Diego fans caring to see them perform, must have riled Chick Musgrove and Ray Dioses, for, although there was a small turnout, these two battled as though a title, their honor and Lana Turner were at stake. Musgrove was awarded a split decision.

They punched each other limp, first one, then the other having the advantage. Both were bleeding and weary before the bout was half over, yet, they were still slugging in the final round. Musgrove repeatedly shook up Dioses with wild swings to the jaw, while Ray almost tore Chick's head off with uppercuts when in close. Each was credited with three rounds, four heats tabbed as even. Musgrove weighed 159, Dioses 158.

Other results: Billy McClure iced Nap Mitchell in the third; Spencer Coleman disposed of Johnny Maria in three; Willie Wilkerson, 178, beat Willie McCoy, 179, in a four; Lawrence Brown, 149, decisioned Rocky Corkins, 151, in four.

There has been some agitation recently to have the two-judge system abolished, the complainants contending that the referee is the one best able to judge who is winning a fight. They point to the fact that the referee was the sole judge of fights up until recent years. I, for one, feel that we should never go back to the one-man decisions. After all, the additional two judges were voted in simply because so many of the one-man decisions were so bad.

The recent Williams-Bolanos championship go is a good example of why we should retain the judges. The referee voted in favor of Bolanos. It would have been a shame to take Ike Williams' title from him on that fight. The referee's scoring in this one, strengthens this writer's contention that decisions should be made by three ringside judges, relieving the referee of keeping figures on the action, while burdened with the duties of working the contest and enforcing the rules.

Mario Trigo, switch-hitting Mexican of Monterey, proved too much of a cutie for rugged Bobby Jackson, transplanted Coloradoan, in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Beltin' Bobby made it tough for Trigo in the early rounds, shaking up the larruping Latin with hard rights to the jaw, but, Jackson, not in the best of condition (he was substituting on short notice), tired badly in the late rounds.

Trigo speeded up in the sixth and Jackson was too low on gas to keep up with his shifty foe thereafter. Bobby tagged his elusive opponent on a few occasions in the second half of the go, but Mario receipted for each of these occasional blows with a flock of punches. The decision to Trigo was unanimous. Referee Johnny Indrisano did not credit Jackson with a round. This observer had Bobby ahead in three of the heats. Trigo weighed 133, Jackson 134.

In the six-round semi, Richard Jones, 143, won a close, split decision over Irvin Steen, 143. It was a fast, hard-hitting setto.

In four-rounders: Georgie Mendoza, 126, and Johnny Clark, 126, boxed to a draw; Tommy Lee James, 150, decisioned J. J. Cracknell, 150; Lawrence Brown, 150, and Benny Black, 146, drew; Pepin Gonzales, 124, defeated Ossie Biggie, 119.

The up-and-coming Clyde Coyhis, 150, Milwaukee Negro, punched out a unanimous decision over Rudy Davila, 150, Los Angeles Mexican, in a fast-moving ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Davila had the better of the infighting, but Coyhis' hard hitting at long range kept him in the lead.

In other bouts: Baby Sal, 141, K.O.'ed Bob Torrance, 138, in the fourth; Al Smith, 142, stopped Speedy Navarro, 141, in the third; Art Brown, 158, and George Holmes, 162, fought to a draw in four; Ruben Garcia, 133, won by a T.K.O. over Sammy Zelman, 132, in three.

There may be half-a-dozen lightweights throughout the world who can whip Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill., Negro, but this writer doubts it very much. At any rate, John L. Davis, Negro clouter of Oakland, is not one of them. In fact, Davis is not a worthy opponent for Campbell, but he was one of the few who would cross gloves with the Rock Island flash, and to his credit, he made a game and rugged try in this Hollywood Stadium go.

Davis tore out at the opening bell and forced Campbell about the ring, Tommy going on defense while sizing up his aggressive foe. This rushing attack, during which John landed a few hard blows, won the Oaklander the first two rounds. But Davis' number was up even before the second heat ended, for, he tired from his all-out efforts and Tommy shot in some stiff punches just before the bell.

The cool and calculating Campbell started working Davis over in the third. Tommy jabbed, hooked and upper-cutted the Oaklander until John had nothing left but courage. Campbell staggered and buckled Davis' knees on numerous occasions, but the Negro gamester was still on his feet when Referee Frankie Van halted the one-sided affair in the eighth round. Campbell weighed 135, Davis 133.

In the six-round semi, Joe Hartfield, 160, Negro clown of Omaha, winged out a split decision over Gene Loughridge, 157, Los Angeles Negro.

Other results: Benny Black, 147, and Tommy Lee James, 148, drew in four; Jay Caldwell, 159, won by a T.K.O. over Tag Mayfield, 158, in the third; Eddie Seale, 158, decisioned Tony Grich, 156, in four; Johnny Clark, 127, nodded Sid Hitchens, 126, in a four.

During a hearing of an investigation on the boxing situation by an Assembly Committee, Inspector Willie Ritchie recommended no-decision contests, contending that this would curtail gambling. This writer well remembers when most of the fights were no-decision affairs (I was boxing at the time), and it is true that it discouraged gambling somewhat, but not entirely. And it bred practises that were detrimental to boxing.

In those days, the winner of a contest was decided by the sports writers. So, men still could bet on the fights, paying off on the newspaper decisions. Of course, the no-decision angle did make betting on boxing less attractive and more annoying. For instance, a spectator could feel positive that his favorite had won handily, only to read in one or more newspapers next day that his choice had been bested. For, the sports writers didn't necessarily agree then any more than they do now.

So, there were still different opinions of the results, with no official verdict for the records. Therefore, the records of boxers meant little, as all the mediocre fighter had to do, was go the limit, to have his record look as good as the top-notcher. There was a saying at that time that "The manager first to get to the telegraph office, won the fight." They used to make a beeline to get off the first wire telling of their boxer's victory (?).

Also, it should be remembered that the no-decision boxing was a concession made to those opposed to the game. It was the only way that a boxing law could be enacted in many of the states, those opposed to the game being impressed with the assurance that boxing contests with no decisions being rendered, were harmless.

No, let us not go back to that. There has been much advancement in the game since those days, let us continue to go forward!

Meeting for the right to main-event recognition, Clyde Coyhis, 145, and Art Aragon, 143, tangled in one half of a double ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. These two youngsters had been knocking over all opposition in the preliminary ranks.

It was an exciting and bitterly-fought contest, waged on even terms until Aragon received a cut eye in the seventh. Upon examining the wound at the end of the round, Dr. Lloyd Mace ruled that the cut was too serious for Aragon to continue and Coyhis was awarded a T.K.O. victory. In spite of their potent punching, neither was knocked down.

In the other ten-rounder, Nick Smith, 133, pulled an upset in winning handily over Freddie (Babe) Herman, 137. It was even-steven for five heats, then Herman tired and Smith won all the remaining rounds, forcing the issue and shaking Herman to his heels with rights to the head.

In remaining bouts, Willie Bean, 209, looked very impressive in disposing of Jim Lane, 243, in three rounds. Bean floored Lane five times; Chuck Wilkerson, 123, decisioned Bee Jiminez, 126, in four; Bruce Richardson, 152, nodded Henry Yeargin, 150, in a four.

The All-Navy 1948 championships were staged during the month. The four-day meet was again held at the Balboa Stadium, San Diego. The fights were action-packed, but the talent, as a whole, did not quite measure up to the boxers of a year ago. The turnout wasn't as large as last year either, only about 12,000 attending the finals.

The standout fighter of the tournament was Hank Herring, Negro welterweight, who K.O.'ed three opponents in five rounds. Two other champions to flash exceptional ability were Jimmy Quinn, flyweight, and Bill Bossio, bantam. Neither pack much of a punch, but both are fast and clever.

The eight All-Navy champions are: 112, Jimmy Quinn (New York), Mississippi Valley Area; 118, Bill Bossio (Pittsburgh), Atlantic Fleet; 126, Jimmy Ithier (New York), Atlantic Fleet; 135,

Johnny Aguilar (Torrance, Calif.), Northwest Area; 147, Hank Herring (St. Petersburg, Fla.), 11th Naval District; 160, Otis Perry (Kings Mt., N. C.), Atlantic Fleet; 175, Jimmy Depena (Brooklyn), Middle Atlantic States; Heavyweight, Jack Wood (Blue Island, Ill.), 11th Naval District.

Milo Savage, 154, Seattle Negro, stopped Regino Aguila, 153, of Mexico, in the fourth round at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a rousing setto while it lasted. Aguila smacked Savage down for a 9-count in the opening heat. Shortly after regaining his feet, Milo put the Mexican on the carpet for the count of nine. The Seattle slugger pounded Aguila badly in the third and fourth heats before Referee Benny Whitman intervened.

In the prelims, Baby Sal, 141, K.O.'ed Harold Jordan, 139, in the opening round of the semi; Freddy Herrera, 130, eliminated Gene Morris, 127, in the third; Willie Wilkerson, 179, decisioned Willie McCoy, 184, in a four; Dave Gallardo, 122, stopped Ossie Biggie, 118, in three; Sammy Zelman, 132, nodded Felix Ayala, 130, in four.

Paulino Montes, 134, the punishing puncher of Mexico, pounded out a unanimous decision over Carlos Chavez, 132, Los Angeles state featherweight champion, in a hard-fought ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. This contest topped the annual "Fight for Lives" program that is staged to raise funds for the Duarte tuberculosis sanitarium.

The rugged Latins were ideally matched for hot action, but Montes proved too smart for Chavez. Paulino feinted Carlos into leads and countered with short, murderous hooks and choppy rights as his enraged rival charged in. It was the first loss suffered by Chavez in three years.

In the six-round semi, Felix Ramirez, 131, San Jose, made a hit with Southland fans in winning decisively over Rocky Haro, 130, Los Angeles.

In the four-rounders, Billy Herrera, 125, and Chuck Wilkerson, 123, fought to a draw; Rudy Vasquez, 128, and Renaldo Delgado, 127, also drew; J. J. Cracknell, 150, won over Bruce Richardson, 152; Jelly McElroy, 147, laced Freddie Garcia, 150.

It has been a problem for San Diego promoters to stage boxing shows that will attract the Border City fans. For want of a worthy main event, Matchmaker Grady Skelton made up a card of four six-rounders and two fours, featuring club-fighting preliminary boys. The bouts promised lively action, but the smallest crowd in years turned out for the show. The results were as follows:

Little Giant, 122, defeated Richard Minjares, 123, six; Freddie Garcia, 150, outslugged Richard Lopez, 147, six; Speedy Navarro, 141, whipped Lee Walker, 138, six; Jose Luis, 134, nodded Ray Sandoval, 136, six; Flash Gordon, 148, K.O.'ed Felton Stuckey, 151, two; Pedro Montell, 118, shaded Jose Lopez, 120, four.

Occasionally the boxing fans have to stop in for a game of pool, or exchange a few stories at the corner bar, to make it a full evening. Such was the case on the night that Willie Bean and Charley Salas were featured in two ten-rounders at the Los Angeles Olympic. Bean and Salas are fairly good fighters, but their opponents—well the show was over about the time a main event usually gets started.

Bean, 207, a great prospect, K.O.'ed Bill McClure, 195, Minneapolis, in 1:25 of the first round. McClure had been floored twice and was about to make the third trip when it was halted.

Salas, 147, so outclassed the pitiful Bobby Maloney, 154, that the one-sided affair was stopped in the fifth heat, five rounds too late.

In three other bouts, Jeep Anderson, 136, punched Johnny Turner, 135, out of the picture in the fifth round. It is surprising that Turner lasted over a round; Tommy Vargas, 136, beat Butch Maxwell, 133, in four; Ray Martinez, 141, T.K.O.'ed Al Smith, 142, in the second.

Gov. Earl Warren has appointed Joe E. Brown to the California Athletic Commission, replacing Tony Entenza, whose term expired. Of course, most of us is the game would like to have boxing men serving on this commission, but, nevertheless, this appointment is a good one. Joe E. Brown is more than just a well-known comedian. Many welfare organizations, amateur athletic associations and thousands of ex-G.I.'s will vouch for that.

His efforts in behalf of the boys in Service during the World War will long be remembered. He is a lover of all sports, a real boxing fan and a swell guy, personally. (The writer has worked with him in pictures.) He will devote much time and interest to his official duties, and that is something that most of the political appointees have not done. He has expressed an eagerness for his duties and already has made some good suggestions for the improvement of boxing.

Naturally, he is not familiar with all the problems of boxing licensees. For instance, Commissioner Brown is quoted as saying that he feels the large percentage (33 1/3%) received by managers of boxers is too much. He compared it with the 10% received by agents for booking actors. If the commissioner investigates, he will find that the duties, responsibilities and grief of a boxing manager is many times that of a booking agent.

It is easy to understand where the layman would consider the manager's cut an exorbitant fee, but unless the boxer becomes an exceptional performer, the manager's percentage does not cover the expenses of developing the boxer. In my thirty-five years in boxing, I have not become acquainted with a dozen managers who could retire on the earnings from boxers. And of the hundred managers in California, I doubt that a fifth of them could live on what they are making off the boxers. It is also a fact that many managers have lost money handling boxers.

And I doubt that any booking agent has ever died of stomach ulcers or heart trouble, brought on by his professional duties? Whereas, it is a fact that most boxing managers do die from either one of those two diseases, brought on by the anxiety, disappointments and nervous strain of their profession.

Rudy Davila, 150, Los Angeles, made his first main event start a winning one by by trimming Regino Aguila, 51, Mexico, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Aguila scored his usual first-round knockdown, putting Rudy on the carpet shortly after the opening bell. In the second round Aguila received his usual trip to the canvas, being dumped by Davila. That ended the knockdowns, but it was hard fought all the rest of the way.

Other results: Jay Caldwell, 161, continued on his winning ways by whipping Art Brown, 158, in the four-round semi; Al Smith, 141, decisioned Ray Martinez, 142, in a four; Ruben Garcia, 133, T.K.O.'ed Jose Luis, 134, in the second; Freddie Herrera, 128, chilled Eddie Reta, 126, in the opening heat; Tommy Vargas, 135, beat Harold Jordan, 139, in four.

For many years Mike McNulty of St. Paul was well known as one of the country's best managers. Apparently, McNulty is still a great manager. He maneuvered Marvin Liddell, a mediocre fighter of Oklahoma into two main events at the Hollywood Stadium. In his second start (after losing the first) Liddell was pitted against Frank Angustain, Los Angeles Mexican, so, we have probably seen the last of Marvin.

It was eye-cuts that caused the brawl to be stopped and awarded to Angustain in the fifth, but Frankie was having much the better of the slugfest. It was a wild-swinging affair and much enjoyed by those fans who delight in witnessing a street fight. (I don't happen to be one of them.) Liddell was bleeding from mouth and nose, as well as both eyes when Referee Abe Roth intervened and raised Angustain's glove. Each weighed 165.

In the six-round semi, Darnell Sarter, 135, won a close and unpopular decision over Al Sandoval, 135.

In the four-rounders, Roy Daniels, 158, won from Art Brown, 158; Dave Gallardo, 122, whipped Benny Chavez, 119; Bee Jiminez, 124, laced Richard Minjares, 124; Henry Jordan, 137, trounced Johnny Turner, 138.

In another double main event (which really means no main event) at the Los Angeles Olympic, Les Thomas, 134, Chicago, decisioned Billy Gibson, 134, San Francisco, in ten, and Freddie (Babe) Herman, 138, eliminated Al Sandoval, 135, in seven heats. In most cases, these preliminary boxers put on action fights when given top billing, but both these contests were rather dull.

The thrill of the night and about the only excitement of the evening, was a double knockdown in the third round of the Thomas-Gibson go. Billy had decked Thomas. Lem gets up rubber-legged and Gibson moves in for the kill. As Billy winds up for the payoff punch, Thomas cocked his right for the on-coming foe. Both let go at the same time, both blows land, and both battlers go down! The bell rang a few seconds later.

Herman outclassed Sandoval all the way, but there was little action until the sixth when Herman turned on the heat. The one-sided affair was halted and awarded to Herman early in the seventh.

In three prelims, George Mendoza, 124, a sweet-looking prospect, stopped Bee Jiminez, 125, in the third; Chuck Wilkerson, 123, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Vargas, 127, in the second; Jay Cracknell, 149, laced Richard Lopez, 150, in a four.

There are a flock of good heavyweights out here on the Coast at this time and local promoters should do something about eliminating some of them, as the big fellows are becoming quite noisy. However, during all the loud challenging, the name of Turkey Thompson is seldom mentioned.

In the Los Angeles area there is besides Thompson, Jerry McSwain, Rusty Payne, Fitzie Fitzpatrick. Dutch Culbertson, Freddie Beshore, Tommy Garland and Willie Bean, among others.

Around San Francisco we have Pat Valentino, Tony Bosnich, Ray Stevens, Dee Edwards, Al Spaulding and some of lesser note. While farther north there is Joe Kahut, Bill Peterson, Tiger Jack Fox and Roy Hawkins. Incidentally, this latter group have been contesting for what the northern promoters advertise as the "Pacific Coast Heavyweight Championship." Fine, but remember, boys, the Pacific Ocean still rolls upon the shores of Sunny California, where abides one Turkey Thompson, and none of you are the champ of this shoreline until you have whipped this Negro fat man.

Georgie Duke, 161, Petaluma, Calif., was much too ringwise for Bobby Volk, 161, Portland, Ore., and won the unanimous decision in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Duke is a cutie, but a light hitter, so, his clever tactics became monotonous because Volk made so little effort to overcome them. The Portlander is a terrific puncher, but lacked the fighting spirit to make the go an interesting one.

Volk connected occasionally and hurt his elusive foe, but instead of following up, Bobby would back away or clinch. Duke jabbed Volk often and whenever in close, his short right uppercuts had the Portlander's head rocking back as though it were on hinges. Duke, who appeared overfed, was credited with five of the rounds. Volk copped three heats, the other two were even.

In the semi, Irvin Steen, 145, San Diego, acted like a guy who had to catch a train. He came out punching and Richard Jones, 144, was soon on the floor from a hard right to the jaw. Jones arose groggily at nine and Steen pounded him with both fists until the referee called it quits in 2:30 of the opening round.

In the four-rounders, Gil Napier, 127, decisioned Renaldo Delgado, 128; Richard Minjares, 125, nodded Benny Chavez, 119; Tommy Vargas, 135, whipped Butch Maxwell, 132; Roosevelt Bonner, 130, defeated Dave Mendoza, 131.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

DAVENPORT, IA.—In the first professional boxing card of the season, Virgil Strauss of Indiana Harbor, Labrador, scored over Johnny Yolton, 167, Davenport, in the main event by the T.K.O. route when Yolton's head struck the bottom rope near a corner. Jimmy Sheets, Hammond, Ind., won over Jacque Carter of Washington, D. C., in the fourth round. Bob Parker of Moline scored over Murphy Pea of East Moline in five rounds; Doughlas Ross of Moline scored over Wes Williams of Rock Island, Ill., in four rounds.

Waterloo, Ia.—Reports from Waterloo, Ia., inform us that Andy George has taken over the wrestling and boxing cards at the Electric Park, which for many years have been promoted by brother Pinkie George, popular Des Moines, Ia., promoter.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Ralph Thornton proved the class of the field here as he paced eight qualifiers for the regional Olympic boxing tournament at Kansas City.

One Des Moines fighter, Ernie Nisser in the 147-pound class, came through with a T.K.O. over Dick Kanellis of Cedar Rapids in the first

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Des Moines, Ia.—Promoter Pinkie George staged a dandy boxing card here with the following results: Don Lee of Edison, Nebr., scored a 10-round decision over Jackie Parks of Des Moines. In the 6-round semi-final Delphus Edwards of Des Moines and Tony Nitro of Omaha fought to a red-hot draw in a welterweight event. Results of the three 4-rounders on the card were as follows: Willie Simmen of Ottumwa lost by a T.K.O. to the veteran Johnny Gans of Des Moines. Dick Witt scored over Eddie Green in a middleweight bout; Louis Crumes was successful in his first money bout when he stopped Jimmy Novak in the first round.

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Omaha, Nebraska—Omaha's fistic fans turned out in full force as 3,280 of them paid $7,902.50 to witness one of the most rugged matches held here in many a moon. Vince Foster, 148, Omaha, dropped a ten round decision to Don Lee, 152½, Edison, Nebraska. It was Lee's 15th consecutive win and Foster's second loss in 25 professional ring mills.

In the semi-windup the popular Corky Gonzales, 124, Denver, Colorado, took a six round decision from Red Grant, 126½, Detroit, Michigan.

In the six round special event, referee Jack Gibbons awarded the nod to Kenny Barton, 160, Arkansas City, Kansas, over Eddie Simmons, 161½, Sioux City, Iowa. In the preliminaries, Eugene Brown, 145, Omaha, decisioned Dolphus Edwards, 144, Des Moines, Iowa, in four rounds. Dick Witt, 163, Des Moines, took a four round decision over Leonard Craig, 155, Omaha. Marvin Smith, 128, Wichita, Kansas, knocked out James Gregory, 127, Omaha, at 1:58 of the third round. Bob Morley of Sioux City, Iowa, refereed the preliminary bouts on the card.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS — Bob Morley, Sioux City boxing promoter, has booked a strong amateur boxing card for the opening of Sioux City's outdoor boxing season . . . . Professional boxing cards are to come later . . . . To J. D. Spencer, Ia. Look over THE RING Book Shop and you will find the books you ask about. See you next month. When writing to promoters please mention the fact you read it "in THE RING."

Zale Is the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING STAFF

THE great triumph of Tony Zale over Rocky Graziano, which enabled the Gary, Indiana, battler to regain the world middleweight championship, earned for Zale the leading honors of the month. Tony did the unexpected in a manner that places him high among the leading lights of all time in the middleweight division.

Zale's victory was a tonic to boxing, which suffered severely during the past few weeks because of adverse weather conditions. Rain caused the postponement of close to 100 outdoor shows in May and put a damper on the sport. The month was one of the most inactive for fighters in several years and as a result of the weather conditions, several of the smaller clubs around the country closed their doors until the fall.

Ike Williams, world lightweight king, and Willie Pep, featherweight champion, were the other title holders besides Graziano who showed their wares. Among the other outstanding fighters who were in action were Lee Savold, Archie Moore, Sid Peaks, Henry Snow Flake, Joey Maxim, Ezzard Charles, Nick Barone, Dave Sands, Jake LaMotta, Beau Jack, Kid Gavilan, Robert Villemain, Jesse Flores, Paulino Montes, Freddie Dawson, Sandy Saddler, Jimmy McAllister and Charley Riley.

Lee Savold continued his rise with another knockout. Sid Peaks, because of his defeat by Colion Chaney, has been dropped from the heavyweight class. Chaney has regained a place among the elite and Joey Maxim, due to his draw with Pat Valentino, has dropped to seventh position.

In the light-heavyweight ranks, Leonard Marrow, whose knockout of Archie Moore in one round was one of the surprises of the month, is rated fourth. Though Billy Smith continues to be inactive, he continues to hold down a position in the first ten due to lack of talent in the division. Moore has lost his high ranking and is listed eighth.

By losing via the knockout route to Tony Zale, Graziano dropped to fourth place, while Cyrille Delannoit, who scored over Marcel Cerdan, has jumped into second post. Jake LaMotta's return to the ring has regained for him a high place among the middleweights.

The defeat of Ralph Zannelli by Bert Linam forced Ralph out of the ranking ten in the welter class and gained a place for his conqueror. Though Beau Jack, who beat Tony Janiro, is a legitimate welter, he is billed to battle for the lightweight crown, but until such time, we will continue to classify him in the higher division.

One of the big upsets in the lower sections was the triumph of Jimmy McAllister over the top ranking Charley Riley of St. Louis in their bout at Baltimore. It was their fourth contest. McAllister also defeated the promising Sonny Boy West in ten rounds.

Mickey Hill of Australia has joined the ranks of the ten rated flyweights. He scored over Taffy Hancock and also George Kennedy.

Here are the major results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Lee Savold continued his fine comeback with a five round kayo over Pete Louthis. Colion Chaney scored a major upset by defeating Sid Peaks in 10.

Henry Flake again decisioned Lee Oma, 10, but the latter came back to kayo Walter Hafer, 8. Joey Maxim outpointed Roy Hawkins, 10, but Joe was held to a ten round draw by Pat Valentino.

Hein Ten Hoff retained the German championship by stopping Arno Koelblin, 7. Max Schmeling, 42, was outpointed by 39-year-old Walter Neusel, 10. Australian champion Jack Johnson was beaten by Billy Myers, 12. Freddie Beshore whipped Tiger Jack Fox, 10.

Stephane Olek was awarded a close 10-round decision over Nick Wolmarans. Fidel Arciniega lost to Johnny Allen, 8. Earl Pierce knocked out the Irish Giant Jim Cully in 3 rounds. Johnny Flynn chilled Joe Matisi, 1.

Harold Guss nodded Bob Garner, 10. Enrico Bertola iced Orlando Ott, 1. Gino Buonvino stopped Tony Gangemi, 6. Willie Bean halted Billy McClure, 1. Agustino Guedes outscored Mel McKinney, 8.

Bernie Reynolds outbelted Jim Neville, 8. Eddie LaMarr stopped Sanders Cox, 8. Omelio Agramonte defeated Ted Lowry, 10.

Gene Gosney whipped Walter Hafer, 10. Melio Bettina stopped Ross Strickland, 5. Frankie Reed nodded Carmine DiGeorgio, 6.

Jeff Clanton chilled Walter Montgomery, 2. Steve King nodded Phil Alston, 6.

Charlie Allen stopped Lowell Quillman, 3, but lost to Dick Walsh, 4. Jackie Cranford bested Jackie Lyons, 10. Wade Chancey kayoed Artie Donato, 4.

Arturo Godoy stopped Pat Richards, 4.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles decisioned Erv Sarlin, 10.

Leonard Marrow surprised the fistic world by kayoing Archie Moore in 1. Nick Barone stopped Russ Baxter, 3.

Roy Williams stopped Prentiss Hall, 4. Dolph Quijano outscored Lee Carter, 10. Doc Williams kayoed Bobby Dare, 7.

Johnny Colan stiffened Jackie Lyons, 5. Pat McCafferty chilled Young Kid McCoy, 1, and decisioned Sylvester Perkins, 10. Phil Berman stopped Jim Schere, 3, and Ernest Wingfield, 1.

Charlie Banks stretched Larry Watson, 4. Joe Modzele defeated Tommy Stewart, 4. Bob Isler beat Henry Holley, 6.

Bill Roberts chilled Shandio Chaney, 2. Bob O'Bannon stopped Wendy Gallant, 5. Bob Cotton won over Chet Harter, 6.

James Walls defeated Eddie Neuguth, 4. Bert Gilroy decisioned Johnny de Villiers, 10. Don Cockell whipped Johnny Williams, 8.

Tom McKeagney won over Dick Wagner, 8. Al Johnson won over Dick Smith, 10.

Arthur Brownie kayoed Red Bineyard, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

In chapter three of the Zale-Graziano series, Zale regained the world's middleweight championship by knocking out Rocky in the third round.

Cyrille Delannoit scored a big upset by taking the European middleweight title from Marcel Cerdan in 15 rounds. Jose Basora whipped Berl Charity, 8. Anton Raadik outpointed Smuggy Hursey in a dull tenner. Bout between Australian champion Dave Sands and light-heavyweight Jack Marr declared "no contest," 7. Charley (Zivic) Affif whipped Danny Martin, 10.

Rocky Castellani edged Harold Green, 10. Jake LaMotta knocked out Ken Stribling, 5. Dick Turpin won the British Empire title with a first-round kayo of Bos Murphy. Vince Hawkins beat Bert Saunders, 8.

Lee Sala halted Tony Riccio, 2, and Indian Gomez, 6. Roy Miller whipped Eddie O'Neill, 10. Pete Mead outboxed Tony Masciarelli, 10.

Don Lee beat Vince Foster, 10. Jean Walzack flattened Ricardo Battaglia, 8. Joey DeJohn stopped Baby Sims, 8. George Duke defeated Bobby Volk, 10. Chester Slider drew with Pedro Jiminez, 10.

George Costner defeated O'Neill Bell, 10. Jimmy Sherrer halted Norman Horton, 4. Danny Martin outpunched Art Tatta, 10. Norman Butts starched Jesse Bradshaw, 1.

Pat Vendrillo chilled Lanny Trader, 5. Allen Faulkner beat Roy Miller, 10. Frankie Angustain stopped Marvin Liddell, 5. Johnny Duke halted Art Hardy, 7.

Bobby James whipped Billy Hearold, 6. Buford Ransom kayoed Dick Evans, 2. Sylvester Perkins halted Bob Simmons, 4.

Mickey Zangara stopped Vince LaSalva, 8. Fred Price halted Bill Daley, 2. Joe Blackwood bested Johnny Walker, 10.

Bep van Klaveren registered 10-round victories over Des Jones and Leon Fouquet, but was beaten by Luc Van Dam in a 15-rounder for the Dutch title. Henry Bos kayoed Cevey, 2.

Larry Villeneuve stopped Buddy Scott, 2. Pedro Jiminez and Ike Patton bumped heads in the third round and the match was declared no-contest. Jimmy Milligan whipped Jerry Coursol, 7. George Hill halted Dixie Lee, 10. Horace Bailey stopped Danny Rosati, 2.

Jesse Jenkins whipped Jimmy Mangia, 6. Mike Carney nodded Casmir Sugalski, 6. Billy Kilroy kayoed Charlie Zack in 3. Lloyd Gibson defeated Billy Cooper, 10.

Vinnie Cidone defeated Mike Verrengia, 6, and Kasmir Sadowsky, 4. Eddie Richardson stiffened Billy Williams, 1.

Joe Peters nodded Peter Masters, 4. Henry Chemel shaded Cleve Bailey, 10. Harry Matthews beat Jackie Burke, 10. Dom Bernardo whipped Martin Doyle, 8.

Anton Raadik halted Tommy Bell, 9. Walter Cartier knocked out Pete Mead, 5.

Herbie Kronowitz halted Clem Fitzpatrick, 3. Jimmy Milligan chilled Charley Dawson, 5.

Tony DelGatto decisioned Reed Johnson, 6. Jimmy Curl halted Fist Dever, 3. Angel Chavez stopped Herb Tessier, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Greco outlasted Harry Hurst, 12. Kid Gavilan starched Rocco Rossano, 1.

Beau Jack edged Tony Janiro, 10. Bert Linam upset Ralph Zannelli, 10.

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending June 14, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Bert Lytell	Bernard Docusen
2—Jimmy Bivins	Freddie Mills	Cyrille Delannoit	Doug Ratford
3—Lee Savold	Dave Sands	Marcel Cerdan	Kid Gavilan
4—Colion Chaney	Leonard Marrow	Rocky Graziano	Robert Villemain
5—Henry Flake	Billy Smith	Jake LaMotta	Beau Jack
6—Alfredo Lagay	Chicken Thompson	Chuck Hunter	Tippy Larkin
7—Joey Maxim	Lloyd Marshall	Anton Raadik	Frankie Fernandez
8—Arturo Godoy	Archie Moore	Steve Belloise	Gene Burton
9—Tommy Gomez	Billy Fox	Jose Basora	Bert Linam
10—Jo Weidin	Nick Barone	Lee Sala	Johnny Greco

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Sandy Saddler	Guido Ferracin	Maurice Sandeyron
2—Jesse Flores	Carlos Chavez	Luis Galvani	Dado Marino
3—Johnny Williams	Chico Rosa	Jackie Paterson	Monito Flores
4—Rudy Cruz	Jimmy McAllister	Theo Medina	Louis Skena
5—Maxie Docusen	Charley Riley	Fernando Gagnon	Charlie Squire
6—Andre Famechon	Jose Gonzalez	Tirso del Rosario	Al Chavez
7—Freddie Dawson	Ray Famechon	Peter Kane	Raoul Degryse
8—Paddy DeMarco	Jackie Graves	Elis Ask	Dickie O'Sullivan
9—Paulino Montes	Manny Ortega	Elley Bennett	Mickey Hill
10—Terry Young	Eddie Compo	Stan Rowan	Terry Allen

Charley Fusari outpointed Laurie Buxton, 10.

European champion Robert Villemain repeated a previous 10-round victory over middleweight Laurent Dauthuille, but was held to a draw by middleweight Mark Hart, 8. Henry Hall stopped Yrgo Piitulainen, 6.

Bout between Eric Boon and Gwyn Williams called no contest, 3. Stan Hawthorne was knocked out by Billy Exley, 2. Jim Wellard won on a foul from Jimmy Molloy, 8. George Sands decisioned Ken Murphy, 12. Alfie Sands stopped Jackie Wilson, 4.

Tom Parks defeated Gene Hairston, 8, and Shady DeVane, 6. George LaRover nodded Jimmy Briscoe, 8. Buddy Holderfield was a victor over Joe Lucignano, 10.

Andy Drachmas beat Angelo Morganti, 6. Lester Felton took Ted Murray, 6, and chilled Primos Cutler, 1. Vince Turpin nodded Ted Murray, 6.

Dom Sinibaldi whipped Mike Saad, 10. Chico Pacheco trimmed Billy Spangler, 10. Ralph Giganti whipped Bill Gillespie, 6.

Freddie Garcia decisioned Richard Lopez, 6. Laurie Buxton defeated Mike DeCosmo, 10. Fitzy Pruden defeated Al Guido, 8, but lost to Willie Beltram, 8.

Russell Richter outfought Bill Dooley, 8. Hal Meredith chilled Joey Dunn, 2. Jimmy Herring whipped Lenny Holton, 6. Johnny Breitenbruck defeated Frankie Dell, 6, and Solly Levitt, 6.

Andy DePaul outpointed Al Silverman, 8, and Ross Anzalone, 6. Bobby Morgan whipped Johnny Hewitt, 6.

Jimmy Curl knocked out Bobby Dykes, 1. Ted Pritchard stopped Frankie Foran, 1, and Tony Rose, 2. Jimmy Dykes chilled Ray Hake, 1.

Joe Kezele bested Billy Squall, 6. Frankie Abrams outpointed Roman Alvarez, 10. Johnny Potenti outclassed Ike Stevenson, 10. George B. Smith stopped Don Williams, 9.

Jackie Botnovich whipped Billy Malone, 4. Luigi Valentini outpointed Willie Cheatum, 10. Fist Dever drew with Chico Pacheco, 10.

Johnny Kaufman whipped Hal Vinson, 6. Jackie Armitage whipped Columbus Lowman, 6, and Sammy Secreet, 10. Johnny Rowe decisioned Charlie Banks, 6.

George Ross was a victor over Joey Peralta, 10. Tony Falco nodded Buddy Holderfield, 10. Charlie Williams defeated Billy Kearns, 10.

Johnny Parker drew with Rolly Johns, 6. Charlie Salas nodded Johnny Dabbs, 10. Roy Andrews took the measure of Pedro Ortega, 10.

Henry Polowitzer drew with Jack Armstrong, 6. Mike Kobella outpointed Joe Kezele, 6. Joe Petrovich stopped Joey Falco, 1. Carl Taulman defeated Joe Murray, 4.

Glen Hendershot outscored Bruce Foote, 8. Tommy Thomas decisioned Joey Fernandez, 6. Mickey Tollis outpointed Benny Evans, 12.

Jan de Bruin decisioned Jack Phillips, 10. Job Roos flattened Fred de Vries, 1. Eddie Thomas edged out Jack Phillips, 10.

Vic Cardell stopped Marcel Pacheco, 2. Kenny King halted Mickey Russo, 3. Tony Gillo decisioned Jimmy Della, 4.

Jackie Wilson kayoed Lanny Trader, 4. Steve Marcello stopped Blaine Macomber, 2. Paddy Young and Freddie Menna drew in 8.

Angelo Morganti whipped Len Durham, 6. Joe Murray outfought Bobby Williams, 6., Mac Mitchell chilled Mickey Alagna, 2.

Ruby Kessler whipped Joe Lucignano, 8. Mike Pizza kayoed Larry Pesone, 1. Al D'Ambrosio stiffened Billy Hoover, 4.

Aaron Perry stopped Laurie Buxton, 8. Ernie Forte trimmed Phil Burton, 10. Ernie Pelaia defeated Gene Smith, 10.

Gene Salisbury chilled Billy Gillespie, 4. Enrique Lopez nodded Solly Levitt, 6. Dave Andrews stiffened Dom Sinibaldi, 3.

Charley Williams upset Gene Burton, 10. Nick Mistovich drew with George LaRover, 10.

Doug Ratford bested Norman Rubio, 10. Roy Carter stopped John McKenzie, 2. Jimmy Herring kayoed Buddy Jackson, 6.

Bobby Dawson chilled Leonard Lukas, 6. Paul Hawks won over Billy Hoover, 4.

Sammy Angott trimmed Buster Miles, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ike Williams eked out a close win over Enrique Bolanos to retain his world title in 15 rounds.

Jesse Flores won a hot ten rounder from Johnny Williams.

Paulino Montes won a ten rounder from Carlos Chavez and did likewise over Torito Ramos. Freddie Dawson stopped Willie Cheatum, 10. Andre Famechon whipped Aldo Minelli, 10, but Minelli came back to whip Carlo Mola, 10. Vic Patrick nodded Tommy Stenhouse, 12.

Buddy Garcia was held to a draw by Eddie Giosa, 10. Bobby McQuillar defeated James Carter, 10. Pierre Montane won the French title by stopping Jean Mougin, 6.

Peter Fallon stopped Warren Kendall, 6, outfought Harry Hughes, 10, and decisioned Andre Gonnet, 10. Gonnet knocked out Ernest Walter, 1. Phil Terranova chilled Cliff Griffin, 3. Willie Beltram licked Joey Carkido, 10.

Alex Amador nodded Zeke Lucero, 10. George B. Smith halted Tommy Red Wells, 3. Ted Davis outpunched Bobby Timpson, 10, and Spider Armstrong, 10.

Hermie Freeman defeated Oliver Desmarais, 10. Biff Jones flattened Eddie Holtz, 6. Johnny Dell licked Bernie Bernard, 8. Johnny Marino bested Greg Gomez, 6.

Keith Nuttall whipped Buddy Washington, 10. John White stopped Ollie Brewster, 3. Pat Shannon stiffened Bobby English, 4. Tony Ducharme drew with Young Junior, 8.

Billy Murray shaded Johnny Priest, 8. Art Smith chilled Milt Stevens, 3. John LaRusso won over Pat Brady, 8. John White chilled Oscar Lewis, 1.

Richie Callura whipped Jesse Underwood, 6. Tony LaBua defeated Danny Webb, 10. Jay Micelli kayoed Nick Acuri, 4.

Al Smith nodded Willie Carrion, 6. Mel Neary outboxed Lenny LaBrutta, 4. Marcel Pacheco was too strong for Johnny Johnikin, 4.

Mario Rucci stopped Joe Gray, 2. Lloyd Hudson whipped Isaac Thomas, 6. Gene Spencer drew with Jim Enopia, 8.

Lem Thomas outpointed Billy Gibson, 10. Dick Howard kayoed Edgar Perrault, 1. Pat Shannon beat Tic Mollozzi, 10.

Johnny White scored over Walter Petty, 6. Bobby Rosado chilled Leonard Ceasar, 1. Ron Cannon defeated Ernie DeFrance, 6. Claude Dennington whipped Tommy McGovern, 8. Harry Lassain beat Al Starling, 8. Bernie Dowd bested Johnny DeFazio, 6.

Roy Andrews whipped Jackie Weber, 10. Mario Marino defeated Willie Carrion, 6.

George B. Smith chilled Walter Petty, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Willie Pep outclassed Charley (Cabey) Lewis in a 10 round non-title go.

Sandy Saddler decisioned Harry Lassain, 10.

Jimmy McAllister upset Charley Riley, 10, and then surprised in beating Sonny Boy West, 10. Henry Davis lost to the bantamweight king, Manuel Ortiz, in 10. Eddie Miller won on a foul from Frank Flannery, 10.

Jackie Graves took a ten rounder from Harold Dade. European champion Raymond Famechon lost a 10-round decision in non-title bout with lightweight Kid Dussart.

British champion Ronnie Clayton stopped Jackie Hughes, 4. Eddie Compo chilled Jose Garcia, 2, and beat Bobby Polowitzer, 10.

Tom Collins kayoed Jim Rooney, 3. Jose Gonzalez whipped Eduardo Carrasco, 10. Sal Ferello won a decision over Jimmy Hegeman, 6. Auggie Yarratt beat Jesus Lamele, 8.

Joe Discepoli drubbed Pat Iacobucci, 10. Percy Bassett outscored Johnny Forte, 8. Buddy Hayes nodded Gene Richard, 10. Leon Hutson beat Blond Tiger, 6.

Joe Kay nodded Jimmy Cooper, 8. Dick Howard outscored Doc Blanchard, 10. Jimmy Hegeman defeated Jim Rooney, 6.

Puggy King whipped Fred Wicks, 4. Joe Barone outfought Lee Bohles, 8. Joe Rigano defeated James McGint, 4. Danny Carabello whipped Jimmy Williams, 6, and Nick Stato, 10.

Leo Kelly beat Johnny DeFazio, 6. George LaFalgio defeated Felix Rotondo, 6. Jackie Cunningham outscored Art Olson, 4.

Eddie Berry stretched Dan Martino, 3. Buddy Hayes stopped Isaac Thomas, 4. Charley Johnson outfought Joe Velez, 10. Red Grant knocked out Chuck McGow, 3. Ray Edwards whipped Leo LeBrun, 6.

Joey Krikis kayoed George Wright, 2. Joey Scarlota drew with Danny Martin, 6. Buddy Hayes chilled Johnny O'Keefe, 2.

Edgar Gallant beat Willie Leo, 8. Gurney VanHook kayoed Jim Morioka, 3. Tim Healy drew with Ben Holley, 4. Bert Jordan decisioned Jackie Lucraft, 8.

Corky Gonzales kayoed Quintero Hosza, 2. Joe Gabriel stopped Joe Gonzales, 1. Bobby Bell whipped Bobby Lloyd, 6.

Johnny Molloy edged out Al Phillips, 12, and drew with Cliff Anderson, 10. Ray Fitton decisioned Billy Kenrick, 8.

Ben Duffy knocked out Jackie Turpin, 5. Tony Lombard outpointed Frankie Kelly, 10.

Luis Castillo bested Jackie McCoy, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Peter Kane drew with Almeto Falcinelli, 10.

Theo Medina regained the French title by outpointing Georges Mousse, 15. Mousse also dropped a decision to Danny O'Sullivan, 8, and O'Sullivan in turn was beaten by Stan Rowan, 10. Rowan also fought a draw with Ronnie Draper, 8.

Elley Bennett won the Australian title by knocking out Mickey Francis, 3. Elis Ask stopped K. Filip, and outpointed Ronnie Draper, 8. Spanish champion Luis Romero stiffened Sammy Benchetrit, 4. Gus Foran halted Johnny Boom, 3, and outboxed Luis Fernandez, 10.

Ronnie Burr decisioned Sammy Reynolds, 8, but lost on disqualification to Johnny Kent, 1.

Bobby Boland stopped Owen Johnson, 5, but Johnson came back to flatten Joe McLaughlin, 1. Boland also won over Tommy Forrest on the latter's disqualification, 4.

Eddie Carson kayoed Pat Cahill, 1, and defeated Max Brady on a disqualification, 6.

Jimmy Green outboxed Billy Tansey, 10, and Syd Fielding, 8.

Ronnie Bissell trounced Billy Hodgson, 8. Andy McCulloch outpointed Al Johnson, 6.

Reuben Whitehead decisioned Joe McLaughlin, 8. Paddy Hyland drew with Albert Pomphrey, 6. Roy Ball scored a 65-second kayo over Ivor Gravell, and knocked out Eddie Davies in the third.

Johnny Miller flattened Tommy Madden, 1, and decisioned Laurie Morrow, 6. Jackie Price halted Frank Blythe, 2. Jackie Fairclough outpointed Jeff Smith, 8.

Bobby McGhee drew with Syd Herman, 4. Tommy Madine stopped Max Brady, 5. Walter Holden knocked out Mickey Donovan, 2. Dennis Stansil outpointed Billy Wills, 6.

World champion Manuel Ortiz defeated featherweight Henry Davis in 10. Canadian champion Fernando Gagnon retained his title by outpointing Frankie Pucci, 12, and also kayoed Ralph McNeil, 2.

Jackie Turner nodded Benny Cousins, 6. Val Valentine defeated Jackie Turner, 10.

Vic Haller defeated Calvin Leigh, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dado Marino dropped a ten-round decision to Cecil Schoonmaker, but came back to chill Marino Tiwanak, 5.

Felipe Fuentes, Cuban champion, retained his title by defeating Tomas Vega, 12.

Australian champion Mickey Hill defended his title by whipping Taffy Hancock, 15, and also whipped bantamweight George Kennedy, 12. Jimmy Hogg stopped Theo Green, 6.

French champion Louis Skena successfully defended his laurels by whipping Emile Famechon, 15. Former French title holder, Mustapha Mustaphoui, stopped Pierre Fouillaux, 5, and won from Jean Jouas on disqualification, 3. Italian champion Nardeccia drew with Deianna, 10.

Charley Squire copped eight-round decisions over Raoul Degryse and Dickie O'Sullivan, but O'Sullivan came back to outbox Emile Famechon, 8. Welsh champion Billy Davies lost to Les Johnson, 8.

Jimmy Gill outpointed bantamweight Joe Collins, 8. Eddie Fitzsimmons halted Arthur Townsend, 3. Pat McNally outfought Pat Hardy and Mickey McLaughlin in eights. McLaughlin whipped Billy Birch, 8, but was stopped by Jackie Briers, 2.

Jackie Foster outboxed Albert Sanderson, 8. Don Hoole knocked out Brian Linitton, but lost a decision to Jackie Hodder, 6. Ronnie Jones outpointed bantamweight Ivor Gravell, 8.

Jimmy Jennings stopped Tommy Bramble, 3. Harry Rodger halted Eric Wilson, 1. Noel Wilkinson kayoed Norman Walker, 3.

Danny Rees outfought Jim Curley, 6. Dennis Reed slugged out a decision over Roy Thomas, 8. Hughie Byrne drew with Les Daw, 4. Ken Gay decisioned Pat McLean, 6.

Danny Rees outfought Jim Curley, 6. Jimmy Thompson was flattened by bantamweight Hughie McCourt, 2. Roy Thomas stopped Mickey Hoban, 3.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

Heavyweight—Johnny Melko, Worcester, Mass.
Light-heavyweight—Joe Modzele, New Kensington, Pa.
Middleweight—Bobby Arnold, Stamford, Conn.
Welterweight—James Flood, New York, N. Y.
Lightweight—Ronald Delaney, Akron, Ohio.
Featherweight — Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio.
Bantamweight—Jimmy Laffin, Australia.
Flyweight—Buddy Baggett, Texas.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

ST. LOUIS, has spent another month in complete idleness as far as boxing is concerned. The only St. Louis fighter of any prominence to see action in the past thirty days was Charley Riley, who journeyed to Baltimore to do battle with Jimmy McAllister. This was Riley's fourth fight with McAllister and his first defeat—a split decision. A fight for Riley with either Saddler or Chavez would attract a swell gate in a local ring.

RIGHT CROSSES—Eddie Davis, formerly the C.Y.O. boxing director for all of southern California, has been moved to El Paso, Texas, where he is serving in the same capacity. . . . Lou Wallach, who promoted pro boxing in St. Louis for awhile, is at the present time in New York. . . . It is rumored around that Harry Eagles, who holds a promoter's permit in Missouri and who promoted in St. Louis for awhile, will open in Kansas City soon. . . . Managers with fighters looking for action might do well to contact Jimmy Kilbane, who is matchmaker for the new Middletown, Ohio, Sportsman Club, Inc. Write Kilbane at 1622 Taylor Ave., in Middletown.—

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

HE hadn't been much of a fighter, as fighters go, but the news of his death from a heart attack in Harlem started the crowd in Lew Burston's office on a tour of reminiscences. Leon Kennedy, a Negro, had boxed as a welterweight from 1942 to 1946, with Burston and Johnny Attell looking after the managerial details.

"He was quite a character," said Jimmy August, one of the industry's better trainers.

"As I remember, Leon and a brother, Jim, were fighting their way through college. They were law students, or something of the sort.

"Well, it's three or four years ago, and I'm up in Fall River with Leon, who's boxing a ten-rounder. I don't recall the opponent, but it doesn't matter.

"Anyway, for two rounds Kennedy looks a million, and wins by himself. Then, suddenly, in the third, he stops fighting for no apparent reason, and starts running. And how he runs! Jesse Owens at his best never went forward faster than Kennedy travels backward this night.

"I'm expecting the referee to stop the thing and chase Leon out of the ring, and I try everything to get him to fight. I bawl him out. I plead with him. I talk to him like a Dutch uncle. I do everything but get on my knees and croon 'Mammy.' It's no good. Round after round goes by, and it's the same thing, Kennedy running and the other guy trying to catch him.

"At the end of the seventh or eighth, Leon comes back to the corner and I say: 'You've been in the army, haven't you?'

"Kennedy is very polite; always the gentleman. He looks at me and says: 'Yes, sir, Mr. August; I've been in the army.'

"'Well,' I say, 'you know what *forward march* means, don't you?'

"'Yes, sir,' he answers.

"'Then,' I bark at him, 'go out this round and forward march!'

"But it's no good. The only idea in his mind is that old line about 'he who runs and runs away, lives to run another day.'

"There I am, sweating my life away, aging ten years every second, expecting the referee to call a halt. But he doesn't. I give a real sigh of relief when the last bell rings. Kennedy, of course, loses the decision.

"We're coming back on the bus after the fight, and I'm disgusted. I don't feel like talking, and I'm sitting there trying to think of more cheerful things. Kennedy doesn't talk, either, and for maybe an hour we're riding in silence.

"Finally, he says: 'Mr. August, you said some awful things to me in the ring.'

"'What I said,' I tell him, 'wasn't half awful enough. We were lucky to get paid tonight. You can't win fights by running away. Why didn't you forward march when I asked you to?'

"'But, Mr. August,' he says, seriously, 'how can I forward march when you don't tell me from what angle to approach the enemy?'"

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THE activity of the ring champions this summer recalls one of the most eventful outdoor campaigns in New York's fistic history. It was 25 years ago, 1923, that seven major shows, six of them involving world titles, were staged in the local baseball parks within a four-months' stretch.

The hectic schedule opened late in May with a bang-up heavyweight card at the Yankee Stadium, Jess Willard coming out of retirement to stop Floyd Johnson, Luis Angel Firpo demolishing Jack McAuliffe, and Fred Fulton losing on a foul to Jack Renault.

Early in June, the veteran Johnny Kilbane was relieved of his featherweight laurels at the Polo Grounds by the visiting Frenchman, Eugene Criqui.

Two weeks later, also at the Polo Grounds, Pancho Villa battered Britain's aging Jimmy Wilde into defeat in one of the most dramatic of all flyweight title meetings.

Within 48 hours of each other in late July, two championship offerings were presented in the rival ball orchards. First, Benny Leonard, uncovering one of the most brilliant exhibitions of his career, tossed a real boxing lesson into Lew Tendler in their lightweight argument at the Yankee Stadium. Then, only seven weeks after he had taken the featherweight title from Kilbane, Criqui returned to the same Polo Grounds ring to lose it to Johnny Dundee.

In August, Harry Greb separated Johnny Wilson from the middleweight diadem at the Polo Grounds.

The grand finale of that industrious summer's campaign was the September fracas at the Polo Grounds that produced one of the most spectacular heavyweight scuffles of all time—that riotous affair between Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo.

Though not actually held in New York, it would be permissible to include a Jersey City presentation in that imposing 1923 total, since it was the Firpo-Willard affair, staged by Tex Rickard in July at Boyle's Thirty Acres, that produced Dempsey's opponent at the Polo Grounds two months later.

The eight shows combined for a gross turnout of nearly 350,000 customers, and receipts of $2,700,000.

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THERE is something better than an outside possibility that John Joseph (Rinty) Monaghan, the crooning Irishman, who holds the world flyweight title, will be visiting our midst shortly. Unfortunately, with flyweights practically extinct in the United States—Al Chavez of Los Angeles, who recently returned from a successful campaign in Britain, is about the only one we have worth mentioning—Rinty couldn't expect much in the way of lucrative fistic engagements. But the Irishman's talents are not confined exclusively to the leather-pushing craft. He has put together a colorful song-and-comedy routine, and feels that by combining it with boxing exhibitions and refereeing assignments, he could do well on a tour here.

It seems that the fistic fraternity has been going along all these years with the mistaken idea that the light-heavyweight class limit was 175 pounds. Thanks to those brilliant script writers in Hollywood, we've finally been straightened out on this point. On a certain popular Sunday night radio program recently, a match for the light-heavy title had the challenger scaling 182 pounds and the champion 183½!

Once the boxing bug gets into a guy's system, it's well nigh impossible to get it out. It may be checked for a while, but eventually it starts acting up again. Jerry Sachs' case is typical. Operating out of Cleveland during the '20s and early '30s, Jerry was a prominent figure in the industry as promoter, manager and gym owner. Then he bought himself a large hunk of land near Geneva, Ohio, quit the boxing business, and went in for dude ranching and health farming. Now we get this note from him: "I have 13 saddle horses, with a few colts expected any minute; 11 cows and calves, 200 chickens, 30 pigs, some cats and a dog. But I've got the itch to get back into boxing. I've been playing around with the idea of building an arena on my property, staging regular amateur shows, an occasional professional card, and maybe wrestling, rodeos and other attractions."

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Ruben Shank, ye old Denver Cowboy, who called a halt to his ring career after Mel Brown belted him into a Minneapolis hospital last year, is now coaching and training amateur boxers at the Virginia Athletic Club in Norfolk. Shank is quite hepped up over a couple of his developments, and expects to turn them pro shortly.

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To S. G. Stanford, Rockaway—There is no complete record available of Johnny (Young) Solsberg, or Solzberg, but the Brooklynite, a dangerous puncher, was at his best from about 1912 to 1918, and fought all the top bantams of his time, among

them Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Charley Goldman, Pete Herman, Frankie Burns, Joe Lynch, Jack Sharkey and Joe Burman. At the fag-end of his career, in 1920, he had enough stuff left to hold Packey O'Gatty to a close 15-round decision at Woodhaven, Long Island.

The month's results:

A rugged belting bee between Tony LaBua, 139, Ozone Park, and Eduardo Carrasco, 133, Peru, wound up in the fifth at the Ridgewood Grove when a nasty gash over the South American's left eye prompted the referee to call a halt and credit LaBua with a kayo. In sixes, Angelo Morganti, 144, Astoria, whipped Len Durham, 144, West Side; Steve King, 191, Brooklyn, decisioned Earl Wall, 189, Windsor, Ont., and Billy Dorner, 175, Ridgewood, stopped Jay Johnson, 171, Plainview, Tex., in the fifth. In fours, Mike Camporella, 194, Red Hook, outpointed James Schera, 194, East Side, and Larry Shaw, 165, Brooklyn, won over Gene Roberts, 160, Philadelphia.

In one of the most bitterly contested battles seen at the Eastern Parkway Arena all season, Johnny Dell, 135, East New York, edged out Bernie Bernard, 135, Williamsburg, in a bruising eight. In the semi-final six, Johnny Marino, 138, East New York, had rough going to take a decision from Greg Gomez, 139, Jamaica. Bobby James, 159¼, Harlem, beat Billy Hearold, 164½, Houston, Tex., in six, and Johnny White, 134, Hempstead, stopped Ollie Brewster, 132¼, Rome, Ga., in the fifth. In fours, Joe Rigano, 121, Red Hook, beat Richie Lewis, 116, East Side, and Johnny Hewitt, 152, Ozone Park, decisioned James McGint, 147¼, Harlem.

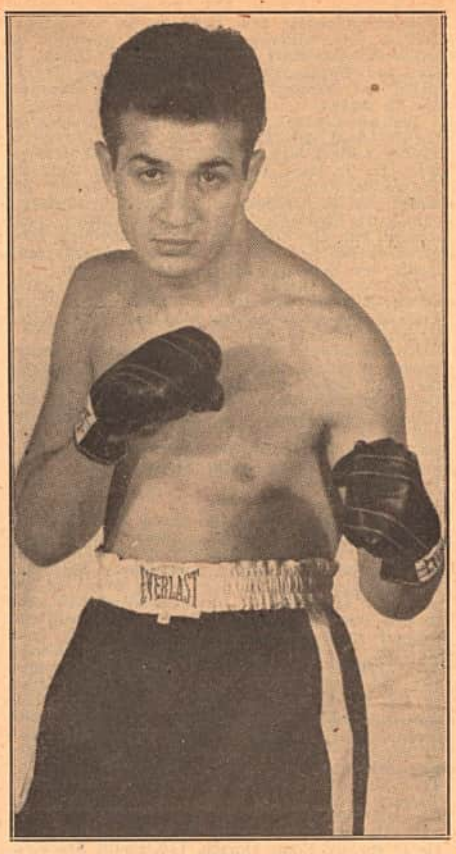
One of Sunnyside Gardens' best young developments of the season, Andy DePaul, 149, Cliffside Park, N. J., ran off his eighth straight win at the Long Island City club by whipping Al Silverman, 142½, Bronx, in eight. Ray Edwards, 128½, Jamaica, decisioned Leo LeBrun, 123, Bronx, in the semi-final six. John White, 133½, Hempstead, kayoed Oscar Lewis, 137¼, Newark, in the first of another scheduled six. In fours, Bobby Morgan, 153, Elmhurst, whipped Johnny Hewitt, 152, Ozone Park; Charley Allen, 225, Newcastle, Pa., stopped Lowell Quillman, 255, Tulsa, Okla., in the third, and Joe Atria, 139, Harlem, outpointed Jimmy Conroy, 144, Bronx.

After being out of the ring for five months, nursing an assortment of injuries, Vince LaSalva, 155¼, Mount Vernon, returned to action at the Park Arena, and promptly ran smack-dab into further misfortune. A long left hook tossed by Mickey Zengara, 156, Bronx, ripped open an ugly cut over LaSalva's right brow, and it bled so profusely that Referee Lou Boughton stopped the affair in the fifth. It was a fairly even-up scrap while it lasted. In sixes, Vince Turpin, 143, Newark, N. J., outpointed Teddy Murray, 145½, Harlem; Eddie Ocasio, 153½, Bronx, flattened Lee Patrick, 161, St. Louis, in the fifth, and Danny Butler, 139¼, Bronx, outscored his borough rival, Willie Carrion, 135½. Bobby Morgan, 153½, Elmhurst, drew with Joe Fernandez, 153, Brooklyn, in four.

The bobbing, weaving style of Smuggy Hursey bothered Anton Raadik considerably in Madison Square Garden, and the rugged Finn just about edged his way to the decision in a disappointing ten. Raadik forced the action most of the way, and his steady pounding had Hursey weary at the finish, but the bout was marred by too much tugging and mauling. Raadik scaled 161 to the Washingtonian's 158½. In another ten, Henry (Snow) Flake, 198½, Buffalo, also had difficulty showing at his best against the "cute" tactics of the veteran Lee Oma, 192, Detroit, but his persistent aggressiveness paid dividends when Oma tired in the closing rounds, and Flake came on to grab a close, disputed verdict. Jimmy Hegeman, 128¼, Brooklyn, proved a bit too ringwise for promising Jimmy Rooney, 127, Bridgeport, in a lively six. Another six produced a decision for Andy Drachmas, 147, East Side, over Angelo Morganti, 143¾, Astoria. In fours, Leslie Fenton, 143, Detroit, outfought Theodore Murray, 146, Harlem, and Ralph Giganti, 149¾, Greenwich Village, was too vigorous for Billy Gillespie, 147¾, Ozone Park. The attendance was 7,082 and the gate $18,925.

Up-and-coming Fitzy Pruden, 142, St. Catherines, Ont., now operating out of Paterson, N. J., registered his 26th straight win by whipping Al Guido, 142, rugged East Side veteran, in a bruising eight at Fort Hamilton Arena. In another eight, Russell Richter, 150, Paterson, came back from a knockdown in the first to outpunch Bill Dooley, 152, Jamaica. In sixes, Jackie Cunningham, 125, Passaic, beat Artie Olsen, 122, Utica, and Fred Montforte, 135, Red Hook, won over Nick Arcuri, 135, Jersey City. In fours, Vic Servio, 138, South Brooklyn, whipped Eddie Dorsch, 138, Red Hook, and Teddy Pritchard knocked out Jimmy McGirt, 146, West Side, in the first.

The Coney Island Velodrome's summer campaign was officially inaugurated with a renewal of the feud between Willie Beltram, 137, Bronx, and Joey Carkido, 140, Youngstown. Beltram won again, his stiff counterpunching giving him the edge in a lively ten. Steve King, 191, Coney Island, finished ahead of Phil Alston, 184, Roslyn,



Sal Ferello, flashy young Bronx featherweight, helped open Jerome Stadium season by trouncing Irish Jimmy Hegeman, and wiping out only defeat previously suffered in 32 professional bouts.

in a dull semi-final six. In two other sixes, Danny Carabella, 121, Elmhurst, beat Jimmy Williams, 119, East Side, and Jimmy Milligan, 154, Pompton Lakes, N. J., outpointed Eddie Ocasio, 154, Bronx. Larry Shore, 159, Sheepshead Bay, won over Joe Ferrel, 166, Bronx, in four.

The Ridgewood Grove dropped the curtain on its 1947-48 indoor season with a card of sixes and fours topped by Jimmy Herring, 150, Ozone Park, who punched out a decision over Lenny Holton, 143, St. Louis. In other sixes, Johnny Breitenbruck, 146, Ridgewood, whipped Frankie Dell, 145, Brooklyn; Joe Lindsey, 180, Brooklyn, trimmed Jimmy Walker, 188, Plainfield, N. J., and Al Smith, 132, Ozone Park, drew with Georgie Wright, 129, Philadelphia. In fours, Mickey Alagna, 143, Ridgewood, grabbed the nod over Johnny Dorsch, 147, Brooklyn; Stanley Wash, 162, Brooklyn, cleaned up Fred McNeil, 167, Harlem, and Phil Berman, 179, Paterson, knocked out Jim Schera, 189, East Side, in the third.

Bernie Reynolds, 181, Fairfield, Conn., didn't waste much time polishing off willing but crude Ted Walters, 204, Bronx, at Sunnyside Garden. A minute after the affair started, Bernie looped over a right that nailed Walters on the chin, and Ted went down for the full count. Four of the six supporting bouts also wound up in abbreviated fashion, three of them in the opening stanzas. Joe Peters, 156, Astoria, flattened Earl Peeples, 151, Harlem; Jimmy Reardon, 151, another Astorian, was stiffened by Al D'Ambrosio, 146, Brooklyn, and Artie Johnson, 139¾, East Side, iced Carmine Fiore, 136½, Greenpoint. The other kayo was registered by Joe Greg Siragusa, 161, Hempstead, who stopped Jose Torres, 157¾, Puerto Rico, in the third. The only scraps to go their prescribed routes were two sixes, in which Lester Felton, 144, Detroit, grabbed a disputed decision over Isaac Jenkins, 145, Harlem, and Carl Taulman, 142, Cliffside, Park, outpunched Tony Viserto, 141½, Bronx.

The Park Arena wound up its indoor season with two of the Bronx's lightweight favorites, Johnny LaRusso, 135¾, and Pat Brady, 136, fighting it out in the headline eight. LaRusso was the winner on points. Another Bronxite, Joe Krikas, 131, polished off Georgie Wright, 128, Philadelphia, in the second of the semi-final. In sixes, Richie Dallas, 163¾, St. Louis, outpointed Georgie Roberts, 163½, Philadelphia, and Henry Schillizzi, 126½, Middle Village, drew with Billy Ford, 128½, Brooklyn. Quick kayoes wound up both fours, Al Capiro, 143¾, Harlem, flattening Arthur Johnson, 140½, East Side, and James Flood, 150, Yorkville, getting up off the canvas in the first to stiffen Aaron Williams, 145, Harlem, in the second.

With some assistance from the officials, Tony LaBua, 135½, Ozone Park, made it five straight wins in his latest streak by grabbing a disputed decision over the veteran Danny Webb, 132, Montreal, in a fast ten at Fort Hamilton Arena. The scrap was close, but the majority of those present felt that Webb had earned the edge. In the semi-final six, Wade Chaney, 190, Staten Island, knocked out Artie Donato, 195, Red Bank, N. J., in the fourth. In other sixes, Al Smith, 135, Ozone Park, decisioned Willie Carrison, 136, Bronx, and Jay Micelli, 138, East Side, flattened Nick Arcuri, 136, Union City, in the fourth. In fours, Frank Carini, 134, East Side, won from Artie Levine, 132, Bayonne, and Frankie Belanger, 147, Quebec City, beat Quintin Dorsch, 148, West Side.

One of the best action cards seen in Madison Square Garden in some time was capped by a spectacular one-round kayo hung up by Kid Gavilan, 144¾, the Cuban flash, at the expense of young Rocco Rossano, 144¾, Brooklyn. Rossano, a hard hitter himself, stepped out fast at the opening bell, and started a right, but Gavilan, moving inside with a lightning right of his own, nailed Rocco flush on the chin, and the Brooklynite crashed to the canvas. He was up at nine, but groggy, and Gavilan sent him sprawling along with a left hook. Rossano, befuddled, refused to take a count, and staggered up at one. Retreating, he managed to hold Gavilan off for a minute, but the Cuban finally caught up to him and finished matters with a right to the chin. The time was 2:01.

A sour decision marred another ten, when Rocky Castellani, 155¼, Luzerne, Pa., was declared winner over Harold Green, 159½, Brooklyn. But it probably was in the spirit of the occasion. Castellani was celebrating his 22nd birthday, and gifts naturally were in order. So Green gave him a pasting and the officials gave him the verdict. Green was the aggressor all the way, featuring left hooks to the chin and a savage two-handed attack to the body, while Castellani relied upon a fast pair of legs and a flicking left jab. Aside from a knockdown that Castellani scored in the sixth, when he caught the onrushing Green with a right to the chin, most of the heavy punching was done by Harold, who floored Rocky in the second, knocked him into the ropes in the fourth, and staggered him several times during the brawl.

Joey Scarlato, 128¼, Bronx, and Danny Martin, 129, Detroit, slugged their way to a riotous draw in six, and in another vicious fracas Marcel Pacheco, 137, Puerto Rico, battered Johnny Johniken, 132, Harlem, to the canvas twice in the last round to cinch a verdict in four. In two other prelims, Jesse Jenkins, 164, Monticello, won from Jimmy Mangia, 163½, East Side, in six, and Mel Neary, 131½, Philadelphia, outpointed Lenny LeBrutta, 135¾, Elizabeth, in four. Despite the mid-summer weather, competition from night baseball games, and a weekend-holiday coming up, the show attracted 8,294 customers and a gate of $28,086.

Concentrating on his opponent's body for five rounds, then switching to the head in the sixth, Gino Buonvino, 198½, Italy, helped to celebrate MacArthur Stadium's inaugural by chalking up a technical kayo over Tony Gangemi, 189, Philadelphia. A left hook opened an ugly rip across Gangemi's right eye in the sixth, and the commission doctor refused to permit Gangemi to come out for the seventh. Gurney Van Hook, 129, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Morioka, 124, Toronto, in the third of the semi-final. Vinnie Cidone, 157, whipped a Coney Island rival, Mike Verrengio, 158½, in a dull six. In fours, Armando Machin, 165, Jamaica, defeated Stanley Walsh, 162½, East New York; Billy Gillespie, 148, Ozone Park, drew with Richie Nogan, 145, also of Ozone Park, and Tim Healy, 122, Brooklyn, drew with Ben Halley, 124, West Side.

Chubby Joe Vella's two heavyweight entries, Bernie Reynolds, 185, Fairfield, Conn., and Carmine DiGeorgio, 211, Long Island City, batted .500 in Sunnyside Garden's closing show of the season. Reynolds won and DiGeorgio lost. Bernie, packing too many guns for his heavier opponent, was a handy winner over Jim Neville, 217, Elizabeth, N. J., in the final eight, while in the semi-final six, Carmine was beaten by lighter Frank Reed, 187½, Bronx.

A red-hot "natural" in the top spot and a sell-out crowd of nearly 4,000 ushered in the Jerome Stadium's outdoor campaign. Sal Ferello, who had gone through 31 consecutive bouts without defeat until Irish Jimmy Hegeman flattened him in such spectacular fashion at the Park Arena three weeks previously, was given a chance to even accounts with the Brooklynite, and he made the most of the opportunity. Scaling in at 125 to Hegeman's 127, the flashy young Bronxite came back from a two-count knockdown in the first to box his way to a unanimous decision in six.

Another return, between two lads who had previously fought a draw, resulted in a close decision win for Paul Papeski, 141, Bronx, over his borough rival, Tony Viserto, 140, in the semi-final six. Only one of the prelims went the full route, Joey Atria, 138½, Harlem, outpointing Johnny Jamison, 136½, Philadelphia, in four. In the others, Bobby Rosado, 138, Puerto Rico,

stopped Leonard Ceasar, 140, East Side, in the second; Freddie Richardson, 166, Paterson, kayoed Billy Williams, 164, in the first, and Al Caprio, 144, Harlem, halted James Scott, 142, Chicago, also in the first.

Despite threatening weather, one of the best turnouts of the early outdoor season was reported at Fort Hamilton Arena, where 4,300 customers sat in while Frankie Abrams, 146, Detroit, outfought Roman Alvarez, 144½, East Side, in a lively ten. Alvarez finished fast, but couldn't overcome Abrams' big early lead. In the semi-final six, Johnny White, 134, Jamaica, whipped Walter Peddie, 136, Jersey City. In other sixes, George LaFalgia, 127, Bronx, beat Felix Rotunda, 129, Garfield, and Mike Carney, 158, West Side, decisioned Cass Sugalski, 161, Paterson. In a pair of fours, Frank Incortera, 160, Bath Beach, whipped Ray Thomas, 158, Brooklyn, and Mac Mitchell, 147, Harlem, drew with Frankie Belanger, 147, Quebec City.

There was little doubt about the winning margin established by Jesse Flores, 138, Stockton, Calif., in his return ten with Johnny Williams, 137, Montgomery, Ala., in Madison Square Garden, but the flashy Californian had several rough moments en route. After taking the first four rounds all by himself with a brilliant exhibition of speed and fancy boxing, Flores seemed to tire in the fifth, and was hard pressed in the next few frames, Williams knocking him down for eight in the seventh and staggering him in the eighth. But Jesse seemed to get his "second" wind in the last two frames, and cinched the verdict with a dazzling rally that had Williams befuddled at times.

The semi-final eight, a vicious battle all the way, resulted in a close decision for the veteran Willie Beltram, 135½, Bronx, over young Fitzy Pruden, 139½, St. Catherines, Ont. In sixes, John Breitenbruck, 147½, Brooklyn, outfought Sol Levitt, 145½, East Side, and Lester Felton, 142¾, Detroit, stopped Primas Cutler, 149, Paulsboro, N. J., in the first. In fours, Joe Peters, 157¼, West Side, won over Peter Masters, 156½, Brooklyn, and Carl Taulman, 145, Piermont, N. Y., made the going rough for Joe Murray, 148, Brooklyn.

The attendance and receipts fell far below expectations, only 5,079 fans turning out, and contributing $12,023 to the till.

The oldest outdoor club in the metropolitan district in continuous service, the Queensboro Arena inaugurated its 28th season with a welterweight "natural" topping the card. In two years of professional campaigning, Paddy Young, up-and-coming Greenwich Villager, had lost only one decision, and that was to Freddie Menna of Jamaica in a Madison Square Garden preliminary last winter. For the Queensboro's opener, Young was rematched with Menna, and Paddy improved on his previous performance by earning a draw in a rugged, hard-fought eight. Young scaled in at 145 to Menna's 148. In sixes, Angelo Morganti, 144½, Astoria, outpointed Len Durham, 143½, Brooklyn, and Joe Murray, 147, Elmont, L. I., decisioned Bobby Williams, 139½, Harlem. In fours, Joe Rigano, 121½, outfought a Brooklyn rival, Tony Acevedo, 126½, also of Brooklyn; Bobby Morgan, 152, Elmhurst, whipped Roy Thomas, 151½, Brooklyn, and Mac Mitchell, 142½, Trinidad, B.W.I., kayoed Mickey Alagna, 144, Ridgewood, in the second.

Resuming where they left off in the Jersey City Armory last winter, Ruby Kessler, 143½, Coney Island, and Joe Lucignano, 147½, Hoboken, hooked up at MacArthur Stadium, and Kessler made it two straight by taking the verdict in a close, spirited eight. Tony Del Gatto, 159, South Brooklyn, outpointed Pat Vendrillo, 156, Manchester, Conn., in a slow semi-final six. In another scheduled six, Al Lockwood, 138½, Chicago, flattened Walter Pedee, 135, Jersey City, in the second. In fours, Mike Pizza, 141¾, Trenton, halted Larry Pesone, 140¾, Brooklyn, in the first; James Walls, 170, Englewood, N. J., outpointed Eddie Neuguth, 173, Brooklyn; Al DiAmbrosio, 144½, Brooklyn, flattened Billy Hoover, 148, also of Brooklyn, in the fourth, and Tony Penore, 140½, Hoboken, iced Frank Balestra, 145½, Brooklyn, in the first.

It was unfortunate that Jose Basora, 161, belting Puerto Rican, and Burl Charity, 161, rugged Youngstowner, had to waste a real Pier 6 brawl on miserable weather and a sparse gathering at the Jerome Stadium. The scrap, a thriller, was deserving of a better break from the elements and the populace. Basora was the winner in eight, but he had to battle all the way to stay in front of the willing Ohioan. Both boys absorbed some lusty wallops on the way, and were well battered at the finish. Harry Lassane, 132, Houston, Tex., was a clear winner over Al Starling, 136, Trenton, N. J., in the semi-final eight, fought in a steady drizzle. Harry Diduck, 135, Brooklyn, whipped Joey Krikas, 133, Bronx, in six, while fours produced decisions for George LaFalgia, 127¾, Bronx, over Billy Forde, 127½, Brooklyn, and Joey Atria, 139½, Harlem over Johnny Jamison, 139½, Philadelphia.

To those who believe that coming events often cast their shadows before, there must have been something portentious in the outcome of the semi-final to the Zale-Graziano fracas in Newark's Ruppert Stadium.

Up to then, there hadn't been a knockout or even a knockdown in three preliminary bouts, in which Vinnie Cidone, 157, Brooklyn, outmauled Kasmir Sadowsky, 164, Paterson, in four; Andy DePaul, 147, Cliffside Park, N. J., proved a bit too shifty for Ross Anzalone, 145½, Bronx, in six, and Bernie Dowd, 134, Livington, N. J., edged out Johnny (Red) Fazio, 133, Bayonne, also in six.

The even pace continued for two rounds of the semi-final, with Charley Zack, 155½, Scranton, having a slight lead on Billy Kilroy, 158, Rutherford, N. J. Then, in the third, things suddenly started to happen. The round had hardly got under way when Kilroy exploded a right to Zack's chin, and Charley's legs buckled. Another right toppled him for eight. As the Scrantonian staggered to his feet, Kilroy blazed away with both hands, and Zack was flattened for the count.

By way of tuning up the crowd for the main event, Kilroy's win was registered officially at 1:08 of the third—exactly the time Zale needed to finish off Graziano!

Knockouts also wound up two other scraps staged after the title brawl—and, oddly enough, the third round saw the payoff in each. In one, Gene Salisbury, 144, Jersey City, stopped Bill Gillespie, 149, Harlem, at the end of the third, and in the other Danny Rosati, 159, Newark, was unable to come up for the third after absorbing a tough lacing from Horace Bailey, 158, Portchester, Maine.

An odd twist was supplied at the Fort Hamilton Arena when the loud speaker picked up the radio broadcast of the Zale-Graziano affair while Artie Levine, 128, Jersey City, and Henry Schillizzi, 128, Jamaica, were in the fourth round of the semi-final six. After a draw decision had been handed down, the start of the main event was delayed until the final returns were in from Newark. The windup eight was a return between Tom McKeagney, 170, Boston, and Dick Wagner, 173, Portland, Ore., who had battled to a draw at the Fort's opener a month previously. This time it was another ding-dong affair, but the split decision of the officials favored McKeagney, two to one. In sixes, Enrique Lopez, 144, Mexico City, whipped Sonny Levitt, 145, East Side, and Tony Moreno, 140, Bath Beach, drew with Mannie Torres, 141, Puerto Rico. In fours, Jimmy Dimitri, 150, West Side, decisioned Frank Fisher, 148, Mount Vernon, and Vic Servo, 138, Red Hook, stopped Eddie Dorsch, 140, South Brooklyn, in the second.

Returning to the ring after a layoff of four months, Herbie Kronowitz, 160½, Coney Island, packed too many left hands for Eddie Guarino, 160, Ozone Park, and after Guarino suffered a nasty gash over his right eye in the third, the referee called a halt. The semi-final also wound up in a kayo, with Jimmy Milligan, 156, Paterson, stopping Charley Dawson, 152, Harlem, in the fifth. In the prelims, Bobby Dawson, 152, Harlem, flattened Leonard Lukas, 148½, Long Island City, in the sixth; Jim Souza, 164¾, Harlem, stiffened Greg Sircusa, 164¾, also of Harlem, in the third; Johnny Jamison, 140, Philadelphia, decisioned Phil Dempsey, 145, Brooklyn, in four, and Paul Hawks, 147, Bronx, whipped Bill Hoover, 152, Harlem, also in four.

Doug Ratford, 139¾, Harlem, had entirely too much stuff for the veteran, Norman Rubio, 148, Albany, and won handily in ten at the Queensboro Arena. One of the better prospects in these parts, Jimmy Herring, 152½, Ozone Park, tacked another K.O. to his string by flattening Buddy Jackson, 158, Newark, in the last round of the semi-final six. In other sixes, Tony del Gatto, 161, Brooklyn, whipped Reed Johnson, 161, Oklahoma City, and Mario Moreno, 139½, Ozone Park, decisioned Willie Carrion, 132, Bronx. Richard Nogan, 145½, Ozone Park, stopped Larry Gassa, 146, Washington Heights, in the third of the opening four.

After a week's postponement because of rain, Croke Park got under way with its outdoor season, and its inaugural main event tossed a real jolt into the assembled gathering. The heavily-favored Pete Mead, 159½, Grand Rapids, was dropped three times and stopped in the third by Walter Cartier, 160½, Bronx. In the semi-final six, Ray Carter, 147½, Bronx, halted John McKenzie, 149, Cambridge, Mass., in the second. In another six, Jimmy Flood, 151, Brooklyn, stopped Bob Miller, 147, Harlem, in the fourth. In fours, Jim McPartland, 140½, Bronx, decisioned Oscar Lewis, 137½, Newark; Bill Stockey, 152, Bronx, outpointed Jim Bearden, 154, Harlem, and Art Skinner, 151, Brooklyn, whipped Al Renshaw, 158, Hartford.

FROM PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI
By LOUIS J. ULYSSE

THE following are the results of boxing bouts held in Port au Prince, Haiti:

Joe Archibald, 137, Cuban, drew with Dempsey Kid, 137, Dominican Republic, in a ten round return bout.

Omelio Agramonte, heavyweight champion of Cuba and Mexico, 190, won from Fighting Shaddrack, British Guiana heavyweight, by a knockout in the first round of a scheduled ten.

Middleweight, lightheavies and heavyweights who want to come to Port au Prince, Haiti, can write to Louis J. Ulysse, Captain Armée d'Haiti, Port au Prince, Haiti. Send photo, newspaper clippings, fight records and any other information.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

PAT McCAFFERTY, Kansas' light-heavyweight, passed his final examinations into boxing's big-time last month as he decisively outpointed highly-regarded Sylvester Perkins, classy, switch-hitting Chicagoan in ten exciting rounds before 3,500 fans at Topeka's Municipal Auditorium.

In the semi-final an upset was chalked up when Kenny "Red" Barton, 161, Topeka, won a razor thin split decision over Ray Spurlock, 166, Kansas City, in one of the best Pier Six ring brawls ever seen in the Capitol City. Freddie Thompson, 186, Wichita, knocked out Buddy Paul, 194, Wichita, in the fourth. Chief Crazy Horse, 152, Rose Bud, S. D., drew with Bill Sudduth, 147, Topeka, in four. Don Smith, 144, knocked out Dickie Pappert, 150, St. Louis, in the second.

Pat McCafferty set a new brevity record of main events at Topeka's Municipal Auditorium when he drove home a smashing left to the solar plexus, finishing off Young Kid McCoy, Bowling Green, Kentucky, light-heavyweight, in 27 seconds of the opening round of a scheduled 10 rounder.

In the semi-final Kenny "Red" Barton, young Irish middleweight from Arkansas City, climbed another fistic notch, stopping Darnel Elrod, 166, Indianapolis, in four. Pat O'Learn, 135, Washington, D. C., decisioned Bud Love, 135, Kansas City, in four. Bill Sudduth, 147, Topeka, drew in four with Claude Sullard, 147, Wichita. Leonard Neal, 146, Wichita, drew with Floyd Perry, 147, Kansas City, in four.

It took Pat McCafferty just 55 seconds to belt Al Mitchell, Buffalo, N. Y., light-heavyweight, out with a smashing left to the midsection before 3,000 fans at the Wichita Forum.

The semi-final stole the show when Kansas City's speedy middleweight, Raymond Young, drew with Kenny Barton in six bruising rounds.

Claude Sullard, 145, Wichita, decisioned Chief Crazy Horse, 152, Rose Bud, S. D., in five. Ray Augustus, 175, Topeka, trounced Buddy Paul, 196, St. Louis, in four and Freddie Thompson, 185, Wichita, kayoed Davey O'Brien, 196, Kansas City, in two.

At Wichita's Forum before 2,000 fans Dolph Quijano, El Paso, Texas, light-heavyweight, won a ten round decision over Lee Cat Carter, stocky Indianapolis 175 pounder, having the Indianan on the canvas once in the fourth and again in the seventh.

In the semi-final Chief Crazy Horse, 150, Rose Bud, S. D., decisioned Diego Hidalgo, 147, El Paso, Texas, in six. Curt Kennedy, 185, Wichita, decisioned Freddy Thompson, 184, Wichita, in four. Ernie DeFrance, 133, Wichita, kayoed Eddie Banks in the fourth of a scheduled five rounder. Marvin Smith, 131, Wichita, drew in four with Russ Moore, 131, Kansas City.

The writer promotes semi-monthly shows at Wichita and Topeka. Managers seeking work for their fighters, and unattached boxers may write to Max Yeargain, 704 Kanas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

EIRE NEWS
By FINBAR BARRY

IN the main bout at Tolka Park, Dublin, Paddy Dowdall, Irish lightweight champion, kayoed Jim Nugent of Belfast in five rounds. Dowdall was the master throughout and picked his punches at will.

On the same card Sean Phillips, 126, surprisingly kayoed the seasoned Joe "Boy" Collins in six sessions.

Siki O'Neill, the Dublin lightweight, beat Con Caffrey, the contest being stopped after two rounds.

Ex-amateur Champion Mick Talbot of Dublin clearly decisioned Gerry McCready of Lurgan over eight rounds at 160. Talbot was clearly the master at long range but McCready more than held his own at in-fighting.

Charley Henry, heavyweight, dumped Dixie Moore of Belfast in the second round and later forced the referee to stop his scrap with Vic Brooks of Ipswich in a similar number of heats.

The Cork featherweight, Danny Nagle, defeated Billy Barrett, Uxbridge, in the sixth and last round of their very lively setto. Barrett began very confidently but the stronger Cork boy soon wore him down. The highlight of this fight was in the 5th round when Nagle crashed home a terrific right which sent his opponent clean out of the ring. Barrett pluckily returned at "nine," but was extremely groggy, and thenceforward was only a chopping block for Nagle.

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Nat Fleischer Says:

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Garden fights and also is one of the State's outstanding examiners for the Boxing Commission, recommended that Henry Snow Flake be banned from further competition pending treatment by an eye specialist for a cataract, yet Henry was permitted to fight in the Garden against Lee Oma. Then Flake was examined in Buffalo by Dr. Louis A. Kaiser for a fight upstate, but this time Dr. Kaiser, like Dr. Nardiello, turned thumbs down and Col. Eagan, acting for the Commission, temporarily suspended Snow Flake's license. Dr. Kaiser also turned in the report against Jim Cully which brought about the revocation of the Irishman's license for physical unfitness.

New York State and boxing in general, could use a few more such medicos as Dr. Kaiser. He's been Johnny-on-the-Spot ever since he joined the commission staff.

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THE comeback of Kid Gavilan, after his recent setbacks, gives added strength to the welterweight division. The Kid's quick kayo of Rocco Rossano in Madison Square Garden, a knockout that followed a devastating attack in the first two minutes during which Rocco was floored three times, has brought Gavilan to the front as a contender for world honors.

On the same card headlined by Gavilan and Rossano, the spectators saw a young, colorful lad from Luzerne, Pa., Rocky Castellani get the award in a questionable decision over Harold Green of Brooklyn, but regardless of the verdict, the fans had on display a lad who is one of the best prospects in the middleweight ranks seen around New York in many months. He is a beautiful boxer whose jabs, often delivered with a bounding leap, carry a sting and who can take a punch well and possesses plenty of courage.

He'll go a long way if not rushed too quickly against superior talent at this stage. Though dropped by Green, he messed the Brooklynite up with his jarring jabs and was given the award by Referee Joseph and Judge Charley Shortell because of his clever boxing.

It is most encouraging to see a few newcomers of real ability hitting the fistic spotlight.

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HONOLULU has gained an excellent promoter as an addition to those who have been carrying on since before the last war, in Leonard Sacks, one time manager of Jack Dempsey. Leonard, a sportsman with considerable experience, has been signed by August Curtis, representing the Curtis Promotions of Honolulu at a salary of $20,000 per year. Curtis went to Los Angeles to confer with his friend Jack Dempsey relative to acquiring aid in promoting, and the one-time heavyweight king recommended his pal, Sacks. Curtis could not have obtained an aide who is more thoroughly acquainted with every angle of the fight game than Sacks.

It was Leonard who took Dempsey in hand after Jack decided to go on his first exhibition tour, and in less than one year, close to $320,000 in gate receipts were turned into the Dempsey-Leonard combine. Leonard also started Dempsey as a referee and a promoter and another fortune was netted.

The Baer-Paulino 20 round fight staged in Reno, Nevada, by Dempsey and the Baer-Levinsky 20 round contest in the same city, were engineered by Sacks. In the exhibition tour in 1931-1932 during which more than fifty matches were arranged by Sacks, Dempsey drew record gates and put boxing back on its feet in the West and Mid-West at a time when it was badly in need of a tonic.

The advent of Sacks in the Honolulu fight picture assures the Island of a constant supply of top fighters as Sacks has excellent contacts. Between the Leo Leavitt and Sacks promotions, Hawaii will not be lacking in topnotch attractions. Leavitt has put on many fine shows during the past few years and will continue to carry on with his club.

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IT happened during the month: Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, had a tough time with Enrique Bolanos at Wrigley Field, California, where Ike retained his crown on a split decision. Referee Charley Randolph gave the nod to the Mexican scrapper while Frankie Van and Johnny Indrisano, the judges, thought that Williams had won. The crowd of 28,000 likewise differed on the winner. A good return bout this one.

Jackie Paterson handed the Scottish clan a real surprise when he not only failed to make weight for his fight with Fernando Rosa of Italy, but handed the Italian a forfeit of 50 pounds, an equivalent of 200 American dollars rather than take off fifteen ounces. His action came as a shock and the announcement was greeted with a storm of hisses. Jackie continues to remain the problem child of British Empire boxing. He knocked out the Italian in the eighth round though Jackie suffered a knockdown in the first session.

The dullest boxing final that Madison Square Garden fight fans have seen since the terrible affair between Al Priest and Ruben Shank many months ago, saw Anton Raadik of Chicago defeat Smuggy Hursey of Washington. Raadik is a far better fighter than he displayed against Hursey whose style is such that the pair never should have been matched. It was a mismatch that bored the fans.

The eighth death of the year, a new record for boxing, took place in Auckland, when Joe Burns, an Hawaiian, campaigning in New Zealand, died following a bout with Tommy Downes of Auckland on May 10. This year, unlike that of previous ones, the ring fatalities are scattered over all parts of the world. In order, the ring deaths for 1948 have taken place in Santa Ana, Chicago, Hollywood, Rome, Italy; Havana, Cuba; Wolverampton, England; Milwaukee and Auckland, New Zealand.

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WE are happy to report that the various agencies which control boxing are doing all within their power to lessen fatalities and ring injuries by new legislation. But their actions, without the whole-hearted support of the fight managers and promoters, won't do any good.

In Pennsylvania Commissioner Leon Rains and his colleagues have adopted stringent regulations to curtail injuries. Already nineteen states have placed new rules on their books, the majority of which bring about the automatic suspension of a boxer who has been repeatedly knocked out, or one who has been severely injured about the head.

The latest to adopt such measures, is the British Board of Boxing Control which passed regulations that call upon the medical examiner to report to the Board any licensed boxer who in the opinion of the doctor is physically unfit to carry on his trade. Such boxer will have his license revoked.

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THAT managers are not the vicious, hard-hearted individuals so frequently pictured of late in rehashed boxing stories by America's leading magazines, is gleaned from the action of the New York Managers' Guild which a few weeks ago, following the death of Jackie Darthard, decided to take out death and injury insurance for the 1200 boxers over whom they have control. Through THE RING Editor, negotiations were started with one of America's largest insurance firms, represented by Goldsmith and Freund of New York City, and at a general meeting of the Guild, a deal was consummated whereby for the sum of $1.50 per boxer, each fighter on any one boxing card is to be insured for $5000 in case of death and for five weeks of hospitalization in case of injury. The insurance is only for the night on which the fighter is engaged in a ring contest and must be renewed for each fight night.

Thus the Guild of New York has shown the way for all boxing commissions. In states where State compensation laws prohibit the insurance of a fighter, as is the case in New York, the Guild's insurance plan does for the boxer what the state legally should be doing. THE RING Editor's plan for group insurance for each fight card was quickly accepted by the Guild which heretofore has found it necessary to make private collections for its injured fighters.

THE RING Editor congratulates the executive members of the New York Managers' Guild for its humanitarian work on behalf of the men under its guidance. The managers have arranged to take out the insurance in the name of their fighters, at the managers' expense, though there is no reason why every club in the State of New York and for that matter in every other state, should not be asked to take out such protection for each man on every fight card staged by the club. The cost is low enough and the amount could be deducted from the gross intake for the night as part of the club's expenses. It only amounts to about $15 per night.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

THE Rooney-McGinley boxing club opened the local outdoor season at Fritzie Zivic's Arena on May 24 with an action-packed, star-studded show. In the ten round main event Jackie Armitage, 149, popular welterweight from suburban New Kensington, Pa., was awarded the split decision over Sammy Secreet, 149, Cecil, Pa., veteran. Armitage cornered Secreet a couple of times and belabored him about the head and body with numerous blows but was unable to floor the aging Sammy. It was a close contest.

Joe Kezele, 146, Warren, Ohio, came from behind to win by a wide margin over Billy Squall, 148, Pittsburgh, in the six round semi-final.

Richie Callura, 136, Pittsburgh, the outstanding lightweight in this district, easily won the unanimous verdict over Jesse Underwood, 135, Huntington, W. Va., in another six. Joe Modzele, 174, New Kensington, Pa., floored Tommy Stewart, 174, Pittsburgh, for nine in the second and again in the fourth, but couldn't knock him out and had to be content with a unanimous decision in a four-rounder.

Jackie Botnovich, 150, Monaca, Pa., won the unanimous verdict over Billy Malone, 152, Pittsburgh, in the four round curtain-raiser.

Lee Sala, 157½, Donora, Pa., rapidly rising young middleweight, scored his 39th consecutive professional victory at the Zivic Arena on June 1 by stopping Tony Riccio, 152, of Bayonne, New Jersey, in one minute 55 seconds of round two of the scheduled ten round main event.

The popular Sala cornered Riccio early in the first round and battered him about the head and body so bad that he sank to the canvas. Tony got up at nine and held on desperately for the remainder of the round.

In the second stanza Sala caught him with a right to the jaw and again Riccio went down for nine. As he arose on unsteady legs, Referee Ernie Sesto decided that the Bayonne battler had had enough and wisely halted the contest proclaiming Sala the T.K.O. victor.

Sala's manager, Bunny Buntag, has a prize package in this hard hitting youngster, who undoubtedly will go to the top of the middleweight division.

Jumping Joe Barrone, 125, Pittsburgh, never looked better in winning the unanimous decision over Lee Bohles, 126, Cleveland, Ohio, in the eight round semi-final.

Mike Kobala, 145, Brownsville, Pa., kept Joe Kezele, 146, Warren, Ohio, off balance most of the time and won the unanimous verdict in a six rounder.

Leo Kelly, 128, McKeesport, Pa., was impressive in winning the unanimous decision over Johnny DeFazio, 134, Bayonne, N. J., in the six round opener.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

JOHNNY GRECO successfully defended his Canadian welter title for the second time against Harry Hurst, asserting his superiority convincingly in a twelve round bout at the Forum that drew $22,000. Greco's strength and power more than offset Hurst's sharpshooting prowess and the challenger tired gradually though not as badly as in the first fight when he set a blistering pace for five rounds, scoring a knockdown in the process.

However, in the return bout, Hurst was nowhere near scoring a knockdown as Greco, though stalking him steadily, was cagy and blocked or dodged effectively, and was hit with only glancing blows. Hurst did not throw nearly as many punches, making the mistake of shooting only one or two at a time and clinching to conserve his energy for a strong finish that never materialized.

Matchmaker Raoul Godbout staged a good card but one poor match that he couldn't be blamed for was the pitiful display put up by the once-tough Juan Carrera against Dave Castilloux. Casty had Carrera hitting the deck early and often and finally the "fight" was stopped in the sixth. Carrera has a bad leg which was a tremendous handicap, and it was evident that he doesn't take a punch any longer. The Commission should bar him before he becomes a physical and mental wreck.

Marcel LaChapelle, tall, slim local youngster, gave an impressive display to kayo the Britisher, Stan Callard, in four rounds. Giving away a half dozen pounds, it looked for a while as if the promising local feather was in a tough spot with Callard rushing him all over the place, but he boxed his way out of trouble and then started nailing the former R.A.F. flier with rights to the jaw. Callard's chin seems rather fragile since LaChapelle is not a heavy hitter and it was all over after a few canvas trips.

Harvey Mathe, socking Sudbury lightweight, also made a hit when he stopped Jerry Laliberte in five rounds of a wild slugging bee. It was a good fight while it lasted with the fighters taking turns at having the upper hand but Mathe had a little more stamina and heavier artillery. He and LaChapelle will appear on the next card.

A new local promotion group, headed by Rene Chauvin, got off to a bad start financially when a small crowd attended their inaugural card at the Monument Nationale to see Gabby Ferland display too much speed and skill for George Gervin in the scheduled ten round main bout. Gervin's handlers threw in the towel in the seventh with Gervin taking a bad beating, his face puffed and bleeding. Ferland looked good and is keen to meet Harry Hurst or Dave Castilloux.

Romeo Ouimet got off to a good start and the big lead pulled him through to a win over Paul Paquette in a hard-fought eight rounder. Paquette won the last three rounds, though substituting on short notice, and a return bout would be a corker. Larry Sloan was too strong and aggressive for Jerry Lavigne in the other eight-rounder. Lavigne had little steam and was obviously in far from top condition. Jerry Laliberte outslugged Levi Cote in a four rounder and Mike Sobel, Golden Gloves middle champion, had too much power for Jackie Colbourne, New Brunswick, stopping him in three heats.

STRAY SHOTS—Though the attendance at the Monument Nationale was the smallest recorded in years, the card supplied some pretty good action . . . . Raoul Godbout has a good card coming up with Fernando Gagnon, Quebec's Canadian bantam and feather champ, meeting Jean Richard in ten . . . . Art Carpenter, 12 Albert Street, West Saint John, N. B., Canada, has probably the most imposing collection of athletic autographs in Canada . . . . he has over 100 including boxers, hockey players, tennis players, skaters, baseball and football players, coaches, managers, promoters, etc., practically all the big names past and present, and would be glad to receive autographed photos from any sport luminaries he has missed . . . . he has them from all corners, has written over 550 letters since last October and has certainly got results . . . . well, cheerio till next month.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

VALLEY ARENA, Holyoke: Ted Lowry of New Haven won the unanimous decision over Billy Grant of Orange, N. J., in a sizzling ten-rounder. Jimmy Holden, Elizabeth, N. J., scored a technical kayo over Jim Rouse of Albany, N. Y., in five rounds. Joey Costa of Springfield, Mass., won a technical kayo over Steve Wilson of Albany, N. Y., when Wilson suffered an injured tendon in his left hand at the end of the first round. Bobby Ceasar of Albany, N. Y., won a technical kayo in the fourth round over Joe Kerr of Hartford, in five. Joe Barnett of Springfield, Mass., fought a draw with Leo West of Albany, N. Y., in five.

Valley Arena: Ted "Redtop" Davis won a close decision over Bobby Timpson of Youngstown, Ohio, in a good ten-rounder. Timpson was a substitute for Johnny Juliano of Paterson, N. J. Red Perkins of Manchester, N. H., scored a three-round knockout over Chris Chrysanthemum of New York in eight rounds. Fairest Norman of New York won over Rolly Johns of Albany, N. Y., in six. Bobby Mack of Keene, N. H., won a decision over Leo West of Albany, N. Y., in five. Frenchy Lecroix of Hartford, Conn., won over Johnny Olms in five.

Al Caroly and George Sheppard are back at the West Springfield Century Stadium promoting fights for the summer. Sheppard has been running some bangup cards at New Haven.

Joe DeMaria and Ervin Fienstein are promoting in North Adams, Mass., at the Meadowbrook Arena, and also at Troy, N. Y., besides running amateur shows at the Century Stadium. Vito Tallarito and Ray Fisher (both GI's) are running amateur bouts in Thompsonville, Conn., and are doing very well.

Sammy Walker, welterweight of Springfield, Mass., is coming along very nicely. Sammy is a stiff puncher and wins most of his bouts by the kayo route. Vic Haler and Young Junior are also busy. Both are performing in main events.

Eli Bordin, Jr., will promote at Claremont, N. H., this summer at the Fair Grounds.

I mentioned last month that wearing a headguard while training with sixteen-ounce gloves, fails to strengthen the muscles of the head and neck to withstand the severe blows of a six-ounce glove. I now state that a mouthpiece is a good protection for an uppercut, as it acts as a cushion for the punch, but it also keeps the mouth from locking and becomes a detriment for hooks.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

COSBY LINSON, Irish welterweight, veteran of the 147 pound division, who was once a tough and durable boxer, has slowed down considerably. Pat Donahue, timid Irish middleweight, defeated Linson in ten rounds at Franklin Stadium.

It was a hometown natural which provided no thrills. Donahue, a sharp right hand puncher, was afraid to open up, although the Algiers Irishman could have flattened Cosby if he had set a punching pace.

Referee Ashton Donza and Judge Amato voted for Donahue while Judge Tuck Fraley cast his ballot for Linson.

Anthony Arnone, local lightweight, had the edge on Keith Hamilton in ten rounds, but the official verdict was a draw. Jesse Mull decisioned Pacho Acosta in six rounds of hard fighting; Harry Caminita won a four round verdict over Eddie Trecina.

A crowd of 3107 fans paid a net gate of $4416.84.

Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Gus Wilson's Mexico City contender for Champion Willie Pep's featherweight crown, continued his winning ways locally at Pelican Stadium when he won a ten round decision over Eduardo Carrasco, Lima, Peru.

Promoter Louis Messina staged the Gonzales-Carrasco match. Gonzales in four previous starts stopped Humberto Sierra, Havana, Cuba, in four rounds and decisioned Jock Leslie, Phil Terranova, and Eddie Bertolino. Gonzales was making his first start since his recent marriage in Mexico City.

"Red" Holt, protege of Johnny Fisse, held Johnny Longo, Baltimore, Md., to a five round draw. Bubba Whately decisioned Rocky Rocco in four rounds. Bob Gatlin scored a two round TKO over Greg Elizo in four.

Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I., welterweight, lost a split ten round decision to Bert Linam, Austin, Tex., at Franklin Stadium.

I agreed with Referee Ashton Donza's decision awarding Zannelli six of the ten rounds. Ralph was handicapped by being butted over the right eye in the opening minute of the first round.

Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., lightweight, and Lawton DiSoso, busy protege of "Whitey" Esnault, engaged in a hectic five round draw. "Red" Holt and Kid Manoli boxed a five round "even steven" affair. Paco Acosta won from Bob Camp in four and Herbert Mueller decisioned Bobby Abrams in another four.

Bobby McQuillar, Port Huron, Mich., Negro lightweight, remains undefeated locally. McQuillar defeated James Carter, Willie Ketchum's hard hitting New York Negro lightweight, in the feature ten round bout of Promoter Louis Messina's fistic card at the Pelican Stadium.

Messina billed the McQuillar-Carter bout as a Larry Amadee appreciation night. Amadee, local Negro handler of international fame, was awarded several valuable presents.

Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Tex., lightweight, has become one of the biggest gate attractions for Promoter Louis Messina to show here in the past few years. Garcia battled Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, to a ten round draw. Opinion was divided as to the winner, but Referee Ashton Donza balloted for Eddie Walker's great club fighter.

In his debut here, Giosa won a ten round decision over Chester Rico.

Johnny Villaneuva, San Antonio, Tex., featherweight, decisioned "Red" Holt in a sixer. It was a hard fought battle. Henry Caminita's winning streak came to an end when Johnny Longo, Maryland featherweight, scored a four round verdict over him. Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., decisioned Lawton DiSoso in 5. Bobby Abrams scored a four round decision over Joe Stewart.

A crowd of 3909 fans paid a net gate of $5771.73.

Louis "Whitey" Berlier, claimant of the Southern heavyweight title and brother of the one time nationally known lightweight, Ervin Berlier, fought a sensational ten round draw with Eddie LaMarr, Oklahoma City heavyweight, at Houston, Tex. Berlier six weeks previously had won a ten round decision over LaMarr.

Marty Burke, one time New Orleans heavyweight title contender, is recuperating from injuries received in an automobile crash recently. Gus Wilson, Marty's old pal, paid Marty several visits while here with Jose Gonzales. Burke's friends can contact him at his home, 229 Bourbon Street, where he is slowly recovering from the accident.

FISTIC SHOTS—Over 500 New Orleans fans journeyed to Chicago to witness Bernard Docusen's first title shot against "Sugar" Ray Robinson. Unattached fighters desiring local work can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT BROWNSVILLE—Abelardo Pena, 128, decisioned Federico Romero, 124, four rounds; Tony Gonzalez, 132, and Lorenzo Mendoza, 132, drew, four; Carlos Castellanos, 132, decisioned Jose Adame, 131, four; Raul Reyna, 144, decisioned Carlos Trejo, 148, six; Filio Prado, 144, kayoed Raul Gomez, 142, six.

At Corpus Christi—Abel Rodriguez, 135, kayoed Melchor Rodriguez, 130, two rounds; Frankie Fuller, 156, kayoed Robert Kocurek, 160, two; Tommy Ramirez, 147, kayoed Johnny Mills, 146, four; Chango Patino, 144, decisioned Billy Shelton, 148, ten.

At McAllen—Roberto Garza, 123, decisioned Fidel Lopez, 121, four rounds; Eugenio Longoria, 123, kayoed Manuel Zinnit, 120, four; Hector Nino, 126, kayoed Maona Martinez, 129, one. Refugio Olivarez, 138, decisioned Francisco Ramirez, 141, six; Jose Gonzalez, 135, kayoed Jesus Martinez, 135, six.

At Freeport—Frank Cockrell, 144, kayoed Marvin Russell, 140, three rounds; Mitchell Dorsey, 139, kayoed C. S. Rogers, 132, four; Edward Brown, 236, kayoed Robert Campbell, 185, two; Herschel Wallace, 145, kayoed Otho Sligar, 146, five; Ray Penney, 141, kayoed Joe Robinson, 137, two.

At San Antonio—Tony Bravo, 128, decisioned Clarence Flint, 127, four rounds; Frank Castillon, 144, kayoed Johnny Mills, 145, three; Jesus Alonzo, 188, and Carl Shobe, 186, drew, six; Danny Stipanovich, 133, kayoed Juan Sanchez Tellez, 130, one; Bobby Dykes, 145, and Choforo Martinez, 144½, drew, ten.

At Beaumont—Olin Clotiaux, 160, decisioned Johnny Stutes, 156, four rounds; Manuel Santano, 121, kayoed Eddie Trevino, 122, three; Larry Rea, 148, decisioned Eddie Weller, 148, six; Gene Bonner, 186, kayoed Carol Rivoli, 187, four; Johnny Dabbs, 145, kayoed Buster Price, 147, seven.

At El Paso—Jacinto Alvarez, 133, decisioned Ignacio Godinez, 136, four rounds; Bernie Samaniego, 120, and Jose Ramirez, 118, drew, four; Vidal Gaytan, 120, and Lorenzo Arana, 118, drew, four; Ramon Perez, 144, decisioned James P. Routh, 142, four; Hubert Gray, 141, decisioned Salvador Chavez, 136, six; Joe Maxim, 189, decisioned Francisco De La Cruz, 238, ten.

At Pleasant Mound—Jimmy Van Huss, 172, decisioned Gearl Vaughn, 175, four rounds; Abner Bedingfield, 155, decisioned Tommy Brown, 157, four; Donald Meeks, 148, decisioned Bill Pollard, 151, four; Jacky Blair, 128, decisioned Frankie Dozal, 128, six; Diego Hidalgo, 143, kayoed Billy Louderman, 147, two.

At El Paso—Daniel Obregon, 156, kayoed Lupe Gonzales, 145, one round; Jose Ramirez, 128, decisioned Juan Torres, 120, four; Ignacio Godinez, 130, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 128, four; Alvaro Estrada, 133, kayoed Gregorio Romero, 133, two; Oswaldo Romero, 130, decisioned Angel Grado, 130, six; Manny Ortega, 122½, decisioned Luis Castillo, 119, ten.

At Pleasant Mound—Willie Clemmons, 125, kayoed Johnny Ivory, 125, one round; Gene Smith, 156, kayoed Jackie Edwards, 160, one; Donald Meeks, 138, kayoed Bobbie White, 135, three; Pancho Medrano, 180, kayoed Joe Mathews, 171, three; James Baggett, 113½, decisioned Manuel Soto Torrez, 112, ten.

At Houston—C. S. Rogers, 131, decisioned Eloy Uresti, 136, four rounds; George Viramontes, 135, decisioned William R. Whigham, 135, four; Joe Garcia, 130, decisioned Cario Zurita, 126, six; Alfred Garcia, 149, decisioned Ernie Duarte, 146, six; Eddie Lamar, 184, kayoed Sanders Cox, 181, eight.

At McAllen—Reynaldo Rodriguez, 136, decisioned Julio Bustas Marines, 136, ten rounds; Jesse Nieto, 126, kayoed Victor Garza, 126, six; Claudio Arizpe, 130, kayoed Hector Nino, 130, two; Eugenio Longoria, 126, decisioned Juan Hinojosa, 125, four; Manny Zinnit, 118, decisioned Roberto Valderas, 118, four.

At Freeport—Sammy Bond, 131, kayoed C. S. Rogers, 131, two rounds; Mitchell Dorsey, 136, kayoed George Viramontes, 136, five; Ray Penney, 141, decisioned Herschel Wallace, 145, six; Billy McCoy, 184, kayoed Eddie Lopez, 182, two.

At Corpus Christi—Frank Castillon, 141, decisioned Guadalupe Silvas, 142, four rounds; Abel Rodriguez, 132, kayoed Ernesto Padillo, 133, two; Reynaldo Ramon, 132, kayoed Jesse Martinez Sanchez, 130, four; Tommy Ramirez, 148, kayoed Herschel Wallace, 145, three; Joe Amaya, 122, kayoed Paulino Perez Pluma, 120, two.

At Borger—Hubert Gray, 146, decisioned Chebo Hernandez, 147, four rounds; Daniel Obregon, 151, and Bill Cornelius, 152, drew, four; James P. Routh, 140, decisioned Ignacio Godinez, 133, four; Dick Weinhold, 144, kayoed Cheto Alvarez, 140, three; Don Livingston, 126, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 127, six; James Roland, 230, kayoed Arthur J. Scroggins, 185, five.

At Brownsville—Porfirio Prado, 145, decisioned Antonio Garcia, 150, ten rounds; Raul Gomez, 140, kayoed Carlos Trejo, 144, five; Jose Adame, 120, kayoed Carlos Castellanos, 122, four; George Bennett, 150, kayoed Julio Gonzales, 149, one.

At Dallas—Lee Minor, 157, and William Pollard, 152, drew, four rounds; James Baggett, 114, decisioned Manny Soto Torres, 112½, eight; Jacky Blair, 128½, decisioned Trinidad Perez, 130, eight; James Dunn, 124½, decisioned Andres Reyes, 123½, eight.

At El Paso—Rogelio Nunez, 145, kayoed Silvestre Reyes, 138, three rounds; Francisco Guzman, 131, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 126, four; Bernie Samaniego, 118½, decisioned Jose Ramirez, 117, four; Gerardo Muniz, 130, decisioned Ignacio Godinez, 130, four; Rito Torres, 126, decisioned Waldo Romero, 126½, six; Manny Ortega, 122, decisioned Jesus Fonseca, 119, ten.

At McAllen—Reynaldo Rodriguez, 131, decisioned Enrique Garcia, 132, ten rounds; Joel Longoria, 146, decisioned Marcela Arenas, 144, six; Eugene Longoria, 124, kayoed Manuel Zinnit, 118, three; Juan Gubera, 133, decisioned Guadalupe Flores, 135, four; Juan Hinojosa, 120, decisioned Cezar Ortiz, 118, four.

ADDITIONAL CONTINENTAL NEWS
By CHARLEY PARRISH

AT ZURICH—Jean Walzach, the French welter, scored a fine victory by flattening Ricardo Battaglia of Italy in the eighth. Battaglia has been touted as a prospect and earned himself the nickname of "The Armed Tank." Calirstro Etter, the Swiss bantam, drew with Cardinale, Italy.

At Rouen—Mustaphaoui, North African flyweight star, stopped Pierre Fouilloux on a T.K.O. in the fifth round.

At Amiens—Louis Skena, the newly-crowned French flyweight king, proved himself worthy of his laurels by clearly outpointing the rugged and ringwise Emile Famechon. In the thirteenth round Famechon was knocked through the ropes but came back to last the limit.

At Vienna—Jupp Norbert outpointed Balkowitch for the Austrian middleweight title.

At Saint Malo, France—Mathias Fenoy, lightweight, scored a notable success in whipping Jacques Benatar here, on points.

At Rheims—Andre Gonnet, fast rising French lightweight, made quick work of Ernst Walter, the Austrian champ. The Frenchman battered Walter to the deck with a masterly wallop to the liver. Gonnet recently whipped Dogniaux in four heats via the kayo.

At Helsinski—Elis Ask stopped K. Filip in the third heat, bantams.

At Paris—Robert Charron again entered the middleweight picture by whipping Jean Stock on points. Stock is rugged but still young and lacks experience. Mustaphaoui, flyweight, won on a disqualification over Jean Jouas. Topping the bill Robert Villemain scored a brilliant victory over Laurent Dauthuille, thus confirming his previous win.

At Marseilles—Pierre Montane captured the French lightweight title by handing out a shellacking to Jean Mougin, who retired in the fourteenth. Montane gave an exhibition of the classic style which drew gasps of admiration from the onlookers. On the same bill Andre Famechon continued his winning way by whipping Aldo Minelli of Italy. Roger Vivancos, who has also beaten Minelli, fought a draw with the workmanlike Valdo Fusaro. Italian Flyweight Champion Nardeccia also drew with Deianna of France.

At Antwerp—A tourney of middleweights took place here in order to find an opponent for Marcel Cerdan. Jury VII, France, won over Cochard, Belgium; Leon Fouquet, Belgium's No. 2 middle, lost to Max Salvi, an Italian-Belgian; Marcel Garcia kayoed Overlaet, Belgium, in the first; Jean Dobiasch, France, beat Jouret, Belgium.

At Barcelona—Spanish bantam king, Luis Romero, took only four rounds to nail Sammy Benchetrit of North Africa with the old kayo wallop for which he is famous.

At Brussels—British Referee George Little has loosed a storm about his head by declaring Cyrille Delannoit winner over Marcel Cerdan for the latter's European throne. Apparently it was a fairly even scrap which Cerdan should have won (according to the French) and Delannoit should have won (according to the Belgians). Francisco Peiro, Franco-Spanish welter, outscored Karl Joris, Belgium.

At Antwerp—In the second heat of the middleweight competition the most notable fights were when Harry Bos, Holland, kayoed Cevey and Tony Toniolo whipped Lemmens on points.

ADDITIONAL NEWS "FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Australian lightweight champion, Vic Patrick, 133, won a close points victory from American Negro lightweight, Tommy Stenhouse, 134, in a 12-round bout that had 14,000 Sydney Stadium fans keyed up with excitement throughout.

They went into the final round level on points and Patrick gained a slight edge with a fine finishing burst. It was generally conceded by fight critics that Patrick was not at his best in this fight, as he had developed a blind boil above his right eyebrow three days before the fight.

They were well matched, five of the rounds being even, while Patrick won four and Stenhouse three.

The referee, Joe Wallis, had to warn Stenhouse to keep his head from under Patrick's chin in several rounds. A clash of heads opened two deep cuts over Patrick's left eyebrow in the ninth round. After the fight three stitches were inserted to hold the skin together.

Stenhouse described Patrick as a great puncher, and said he found no indication that Patrick had gone off. "Patrick would be a great draw in the States," he said.

Twelve-round bouts—Leichhardt: Jimmy Hogg, 112, stopped Theo Green, 112, in the sixth; Jackie De Belin, 144, outpointed Mickey Davis, 143. Newcastle: Clem Sands, 145, stopped Fred Seldon, 147, in 11 rounds. Melbourne: Len Dittmar, 156¼, stopped Bob Lawson, 157½, in 11 rounds.

Mickey Hill, 112, successfully defended his Australian flyweight title against Taffy Hancock, 110¾, over 15 rounds at Brisbane, taking the decision on points. Hill dropped Hancock for a count of nine in the eighth round, but he could not repeat the effort because of Hancock's weaving. It was Hancock's first loss in 25 fights.

Wrestling—Brisbane: Babe Smolenski, 227, beat Bill Kuusisto, 228, two falls to one in seven rounds. Newcastle: Bill Kuusisto, 228, drew with Red Vagnone, 231, one fall each. Melbourne: Jack Claybourne, 231, drew with Danny Dusek, 233. Sydney: Marvin Jones vs. Red Vagnone, both disqualified. Adelaide: Jack Claybourne, 231, drew with Pat Meehan, 232, one fall each. Leichhardt: Danny Dusek, 233, beat Bill Kuusisto, 228, two falls to one.

A 15-round Australian featherweight title fight in Melbourne between the holder, Eddie Miller, 124, and Frankie Flannery, 125, ended sensationally in the 10th round when Flannery was disqualified for low hitting. The referee, Bud Jennings, went to Flannery's corner after the ninth round and told Flannery he had lost that session because of repeated low punches. Miller was slightly ahead on points when the end came.

Joe Upton, 156, caused a surprise in outpointing Ern Jarvis, 156, at Leichhardt (Sydney) in a 12-round bout.

Although 38 years of age, Queensland welterweight champion, Alf Wells, 143, drew with Jackie Daniels, 146½, in Brisbane after conserving his energy in the early stages. Daniels looked a clear winner after six rounds, but Wells finished remarkably strong.

In Newcastle, Ken Goddard, 147, had his best win to date in outpointing Alfie Sands, 147. The hard-hitting Sands was all over Goddard early, but by skilful use of the straight left and clever boxing generally, Goddard gradually assumed the mastery.

Wrestling—Brisbane: Red Vagnone, 231, beat Babe Smolenski, 228, who was disqualified in the sixth. Newcastle: Babe Smolenski, 228, beat Bill Kuusisto, 228, who was disqualified in the seventh. Sydney: Jack Claybourne, 231, beat Babe Smolenski, 227, two falls to one.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING
By CARL E. HAYDEN

E. W. FANNING, mayor of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been authorized by his city council to have a contract drawn permitting the Bonneville County unit of the National Guard to use the large armory in which to sponsor boxing and wrestling matches.

The bouts and matches were formerly sponsored by the Idaho Falls post, Disabled American Veterans.

Cliff Thiede, formerly of Bellflower, Cal., and himself a wrestler, promoted the weekly events under the D.A.V. and will continue to promote them under the National Guard.

Many of the top wrestlers of the United States have appeared in the Idaho Falls ring during the past year. Every card has met a capacity attendance.

Zale Thrills

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shooter, was the beginning of the end for the champion. It jarred Rocky from head to heels. Quickly following came a punishing left hook that sent the champ against the ropes.

Then a combination of straight punches and hooks had the champion bewildered. There was no getting away from those terrific wallops. It became obvious that this was the round for the Gary challenger, the round in which he had publicly predicted that he would score a kayo. And he did.

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SO quickly were the punches forthcoming that Graziano had no defense against the vicious attack. He tried his utmost to get out of range but it was useless. The fire in the fists of Zale was too hot for Rocky. It was a withering body attack that finally caused Graziano to lose his senses. He staggered backward trying to reach the ropes. But it was no use.

Zale was after him. The prey was there for the final kill and Tony knew it. Now was his chance to retrieve his lost crown and nothing could stop him.

A left to the jaw rocked Graziano so that his knees shook, Zale went after him. A left to the body was followed by a right to the heart that carried T.N.T. with it, and another left hook to the body caused Graziano to take on a look of agony.

A left hook to the jaw followed by a powerful right cross put Rocky down and in unison, Referee Cavalier and the writer tolled off seven before Graziano instinctively got to his feet to resume the battle. But there was no more fight left in him.

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IT was obvious to all that the end was near and it came only a few seconds later when a solid right smashed against the champ's jaw and he hit the canvas like a fallen log. The aged challenger whose seventeen years of ring warfare brought about the general prediction that he again would be knocked out by Graziano, quickly went to a neutral corner where he awaited the count of the officials.

But it was simply a matter of routine. He knew it was all over as Rocky lay inert, flat on his back, not a muscle moving while Cavalier stood over him. The fatal ten was counted. A new champion, who had lost his laurels a year before, was again crowned king of the division.

The receipts, to which was added $70,000 received for radio and movie rights, grossed $376,100.00, thus bringing the total for the three fights in which Graziano and Zale figured into the million dollar figures. Andy Neiderreiter and his colleagues who sponsored the mill through the Tournament of Champions, Inc., came out with a fair profit. The gigantic affair, the biggest New Jersey has had in many years, was run off without a hitch. It was a success all around.

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TONY ZALE'S good right hand did to Graziano that for which Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, had so fervently prayed. The Colonel got his wish, but now that Rocky has been shorn of his crown and his importance to boxing has been lessened to a great degree, American sportsmanship, that which guarantees fair play to every person, should come to the fore in the reinstatement of Graziano by the Boxing Board.

THE RING stood side by side with Col. Eagan when he originally took the stand that the bribery incident, small as it appeared to most sports writers and the boxing fans in general, was sufficient ground for meting out some punishment to Rocky. But little did I then think that such punishment would be a "life sentence."

True Graziano, after the attempted bribery had been disclosed, was found to have deserted the army in time of war, but equally true is it that he served his year's sentence and in the American spirit of fair play he should be given the chance that every offender against our laws is granted to rehabilitate himself. Now more than ever, Rocky Graziano needs the helping hand of the New York Commission and those of other states that have banned him from plying the only trade he knows—fighting as a professional.

If he is not reinstated and his license restored, should he turn sour against the world and get back in the hands of the law, Col. Eddie Eagan and the other commissioners who have seen fit to continue his punishment either for the "bribe" which he did not accept or for his desertion from the army for which he already had been severely punished, will be responsible for his future conduct.

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GRAZIANO during the year and a half that he has been on the sidelines, has conducted himself as any good American boy would carry on. He has tried to make amends for his youthful misdeeds and from my observation, he has made good.

I earnestly hope that Col. Eagan will restore him to good standing in the boxing community. As the champion, Rocky could have swayed the youth whose hero worship is strong but now that Tony Zale has brought Rocky down to the category of ordinary fighters, that hero worship is a thing of the past. And because of that, despite the fact that Col. Eagan was justified in his actions when the Graziano "bribery" case first came to light, I feel it is time to restore him to good standing and give the one time "bad boy" of New York the opportunity to engage in his trade again in New York where he made his start and where he restored interest in boxing at a time when the sport was sadly in need of help.

Despite his defeat and the sensational manner in which Tony Zale accomplished it, Rocky is still a great fistic attraction and will again pack 'em in no matter where he fights. Let's help restore his confidence in himself and at the same time prove that our laws and rules are not vindictive or used for political purposes, by giving back to Graziano his freedom to fight where and when he pleases.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By JOHN L. HABIB

WITH Frank J. Mata and J. B. Guzman promoting at the new Mucurapo Stadium, the main event pitted Kid Tunero, well-known Cuban boxer, and Cyril "Easy Boy" Francis, the uncrowned Trinidad middleweight champion. Only 19 years old, Francis, 160, easily outpointed the 40 year old Kid Tunero in a ten rounder. The referee was Juan Reece.

In the semi-final, Young Joe Ralph scored a knockout over Ralph Garcia in the 7th. Ralph, 127. Garcia 126½.

WAYSIDE TALES

BACK at the turn of the century prize fighting had its dark moments, times when the contestants and their entourage slinked through the night, fearful of the ever watching guardians of the law, fighting in remote spots and always conscious of being prosecuted.

And so it seems strange to turn back the clock to the year 1904, the night of September 16, and see a prize fight, sanctioned by church officials, with the encounter held in the basement of a prominent church—where?—no other place than in the City of Churches, Brooklyn.

The principals on that night in Greenpoint were Tommy Murphy, who had a short while before fought Frankie Neil, then bantamweight champion, and Casper Leon, who had been ranked with the best 115-pounders in the country a few years before.

It was the regular meeting of a young men's society which was affiliated with the church.

The Rev. Mr. Schenck had arranged the bout and a good matchmaker he turned out to be as the four round contest was hotly contested.

By 9 o'clock a large crowd had gathered. The Rev. Mr. Schenck, assisted by church members and uninvited guests, soon cleared the arena, and a big semi-circle was formed with chairs and benches.

"Time!" called the man with the watch and the bantams shook hands and began the fight. The round was a fast one, and the Rev. Mr. Schenck joined the other spectators in urging the fighters on.

The second round passed uneventfully, but during the third round there was so much pounding on the outer door that the Rev. Mr. Schenck admitted a few more late enthusiasts.

Suddenly a policeman entered and there was a mad scramble for the door. The fight fans had seen the bluecoats in action too many times at prize fights to loiter. Oddly enough, the officer, however, informed the spectators that everything was all right, and the fight proceeded.

The fourth round was hard and furious. Murphy got in some hard blows until Leon landed a blow on Murphy's mouth which drew blood.

No decision was rendered and the mill is not listed in record books though it takes its place among the oddities in ring history. A prize fight held in a church in Brooklyn at a time when the sport was illegal.

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ADDITIONAL CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

PETER KANE, Golborne, former world's flyweight champion, had a clear lead on points at the end of ten rounds against Almeto Falcinelli of Italy at Paisley, Scotland, but Referee Jim Hendrie called the bout a draw.

Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, Empire and British featherweight champion, had a workout at the expense of Jacky Hughes, Wales, who retired at the end of the fourth with a damaged hand. The surprise of the evening was the points defeat of the young welterweight from Preston, Sammy Sullivan. His opponent was the more experienced Joe Cassidy of Glasgow, the latter winning after six rounds of heavy hitting. Jimmy Findlay, Wishaw, defeated Joey Thompson, Newcastle, in two rounds.

Neil McCairn, Glasgow, 146, outpointed Alf Taylor, Warrington, after a hard-hitting eight-round contest at West Hartlepool.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, 136¾, won a good contest by scoring a K.O. over Sammy Welsh, Dundee, 140¾, in the third round of the feature bout at Glasgow. Don Cameron, Glasgow, 137, won a good bout when outpointing Jim Bryce, Airdrie, 137, in six rounds.

Tommy O'Connor the Cork middleweight, knocked out Paddy Redmond, Alfreton, in the fifth round at Belfast. Billy Crapper, Warsop, 139½, outpointed Al Gibson, Belfast, 134½, over eight rounds. Dave Watson, Belfast, 132½, stopped Mias Johnson, Jackdale, 137, in three rounds. Tommy Madine, Belfast, 121, outclassed Max Brady, Lurgan, 123, and the bout terminated when Brady wisely retired at the end of the fifth round.

Ray Fitton, Manchester, 125, won on points over Billy Kenrick, Widnes, 128, at Holyhead. Jimmy Green, Warrington, 120, outpointed Syd Fielding, Wrexham, 119½, in eight rounds. In another eight-round contest two lion-hearted boxers, in Jacky Ryan, Stoke, 126, and Larry Benson, Widnes, 127, fought a great bout with Ryan receiving the decision.

Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 137½, won over Warren Kendall, Wales, 137½, in the sixth round at Ryal, when the latter retired with a bad cut eye.

At the Mile End Arena no contest went the scheduled distance. Johnny Blake, Chelsea, knocked out Charlie Webster, Kentish Town, in the third of a middleweight contest. Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, knocked out Harry McMurdie, Edgware, in the fourth of a lightweight bout. Ritchie McCulloch, Ireland, knocked out Alf Price, Walthamstow, in the third of a lightweight bout. Al Wilburn, Hickleton Main, knocked out Boyo Murphy, Ireland, in the third of a lightweight bout. Bob Goldsmith, Kentish Town, stopped Johnny McMurdie, Edgware, in the second round.

Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 137¾, won on points over Harry Hughes, Glasgow, 135, in ten rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool. Stan Gossip, Hull, 128, and Ray Fitton, Manchester, 126, fought a spirited eight rounds to a draw. Billy McDonald, Liverpool, stopped Joe Flannagan, Manchester, in the second round. Al Kenny, Liverpool, won on points over Johnny Williams, Liverpool, in a six-round featherweight bout. Eddie Fitzsimmons, Liverpool, stopped Denis Reed, Lancaster, in the fourth of a flyweight contest.

Jack Solomons' final show of the season at Harringay Arena was full of sensations. For one the topliner was between Eric Boon, 146, and stablemate, Gwyn Williams, 144¾, of Wales, for the right to meet Henry Hall of Sheffield. The bout was a floperoo. Neither would fight and after three warnings, cheers went up when the referee sent both back to their corners and declared the affair "no contest."

The purse monies of both boxers were sent to the British Boxing Board of Control for them to decide how it should be disposed of.

The highlights of the night's boxing was the contest between Robert Villemain, 155-pound welterweight champion of Europe and Mark Hart of Croydon, 161½, in ten rounds. Throughout the contest there was never a dull moment and the large crowd showed its approval by cheering both men on. Villemain we know to be a fast and accurate hitter with both hands, but the revelation was the fast work put up by Hart, who fought back at every opportunity and scored well on the retreat. In the last round Hart was put down for the count of eight, but he rose gamely and joined issue with the fiery Frenchman amid loud cheering, and at the end of the contest Referee Moss Deyong declared it a draw, a fitting decision to a splendid contest.

I don't think that a little compliment to Jack Hyams, who has tutored Hart since he turned professional, would go amiss. He has taught his pupil the rudiments of boxing, which paid dividends and he was repaid by Hart when the latter in superb condition, carried out his trainer's advice.

A new lightweight for big honors was seen when Peter Fallon of Birkenhead, 136¾, crashed big-time boxing when called in to substitute for Billy Thompson against Andre Gonnet of France, 136¾. Fallon showed plenty of guts when he went in to mix it with the hard-hitting French lightweight. Fallon got the verdict. Credit goes to Fallon for his good showing, for he had taken part in a hard-fought contest only 96 hours previous at Liverpool.

Stan Rowan, Liverpool, 117½, was too experienced for Danny O'Sullivan, 117¾, in their ten-round eliminating bantamweight contest for the right to meet Peter Kane and the winner of this latter contest meets Jackie Paterson for the British title. Rowan took the initiative from the start, but O'Sullivan contested his supremacy throughout. During the fifth round one of O'Sullivan's shoes burst and then his seconds in my estimation, did a very foolish thing, for they removed the other shoe and O'Sullivan boxed in his socks. If they had any idea of what a second should do in a critical spot, they would have used adhesive tape to repair the damage. It would have been better than boxing in socks.

Eddie Thomas, 145¾, and Jackie Phillips, 147, fought out their Welsh eliminating contest in London for the right to box Gwyn Williams for the Welsh welterweight title. After a good bout, Thomas won on points after ten rounds. George Dawson, 177, was lucky to receive the decision over Nick Fisher, Wales, 179½, in their six-round contest.

Gus Foran, Liverpool, 120, gained a good points win over the hard-hitting Spanish-Frenchman, Louis Fernandez, 119¾, over ten rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Paddy Dowdall, Ireland, 136, won over Morry Jones, Liverpool, 136, in the third round, when the contest was stopped in Dowdall's favor. Ray Fitton, Manchester, handed out the first defeat to Stan Gossip, Hull, in a six-round featherweight contest. Jimmy Burns, St. Helens, stopped Peter Dawson, Manchester, in the second round of a lightweight bout. Al Kenny, Liverpool, outpointed Jacky Ryan, Stoke, over six rounds.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

By LARRY JONAS

THE local boxing season ended on a tragic note. Three days after the final show, Promotor Doug Smith was found in his office at local Madison Square Garden, dying of a bullet wound in his head. He expired minutes after being removed to a hospital.

The moot question remains: Did he take his own life or was he brutally murdered? The police were satisfied to write the case off as suicide, but the inquest resulted in a conclusion that Smith was murdered by "a person, or persons, unknown."

Smith was not the suicide type. Although he brooded over his recent losses, he was not insolvent, and he had more than once proved that he could take his losses in stride.

It is difficult to conceive that Cowboy Doug Smith would have taken his own life. He was made of much sterner stuff.

As a middleweight boxer, Smith had little of the pugilistic graces and was content to maul and slug. He was a good hitter and won most of his bouts, and at one time laid claim to the state middleweight championship.

Cowboy Doug Smith will be missed.

The last bout of the season here pitted Art Hardy, 159, against Johnny Duke, 154, in a contest that ended in the seventh round when Hardy protested to the referee that he was unable to continue because of an "intestinal disorder."

In the semi, Billy Shelton, 146, outpointed Flash Gordon, 145, and although the decision was disputed by many, it was altogether a fair one. Shelton had a clear edge.

Preliminaries: The bout between Johnny Reza, 138, and Willie Bean, 139, was declared "no contest" because of a disputed foul blow declared against Bean in the first round. Ivan Paul, 169, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Clarence Gaffey, 175; Rudolph Reed, 138, decisioned Myron Mayer, 135, in the opening four.

Charlie Salas, who's been finding the going rough in recent months, dropped a close ten-round decision to Irvin Steen in a renewal of their feud. Most ringsiders believed that Salas appeared tired because of recent overwork and could do with a long rest. At that, Charlie made it plenty tough for the San Diego boy and lost the nod by only a shade. He weighed 142, to 143 for Steen.

The semi saw Noble Johnson, 119, score a three-round K.O. over Jose Rodriguez, 123, who folded like an accordion when the going got rough. The commission suspended Jose for sixty days for being out of condition, a good decision.

Preliminaries: Johnny Hale, 161½, iced Lonnie Stewart, 155, four; Dean Bates, 146, outboxed Paul Larios, 140, four; Rudolph Reed, 132, K.O.'ed Fausto Moreno, 130, three.

Art Hardy had himself a busy evening when he took on Bert Mendosa, but he put on enough steam to outlast the Cucamonga Kid. It was an interesting bout throughout, and Mendosa showed to advantage, although losing the ten-round scrap. Hardy scaled 155, with Mendosa coming in at 157.

In the semi, Dynamite Jackson, substituting for Wild Bill McDowell, was an easy victim for George Holmes, 158, and bowed out of the picture in the third.

Preliminaries: Willie Williams took a disputed decision over Johnny Hale in a six-round contest. Both are middleweights. Arthur Navarrez, 142, outpointed Preston Jefferson, 142, four; Myron Mayer, 130, defeated Hector Portillo, 128, four.

Howard J. McConnell, who served as an athletic instructor in the marines under Gene Tunney, has opened a gymnasium in Phoenix at 2929 North 28th Street.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

THE Toledo Sports Club presented an action-packed show to a handful of fans at the new Sports Arena. Allen Faulkner, a middleweight from Buffalo, got a split decision over the rugged Roy Miller in a sensational main event. The fight was one of the best ever witnessed by this writer, and the tough aggressive Miller deserves a great hand for his showing. He is an action fighter.

Miller took the first two rounds and Faulkner seemed to be slowing up under Miller's vicious body attack, but the Buffalo lad came back strong and took the lead from that point on, excepting for the seventh, when Miller closed his eye and rocked him with stiff punches to the head. Faulkner's bolo punching with either hand was his best punch.

DeWitt Dean, Detroit middleweight, broke the winning streak of Eddie Miller of Dayton in the semi-final eight. In the sixes, Jimmy Guy, Detroit 155-pounder, lost an unpopular decision to Johnny Eaton, also of Detroit, and Floyd Felden of Flint beat Ted Bussey of Detroit. Bussey gave away nine pounds in this one, weighing 150 to his opponent's 158. In the fours, Billy Borne, good-looking Detroit middleweight, came from behind to beat Jesse Bradshaw, 148, in a thriller; and Bernard Humphries, college student from Kalamazoo, beat George Ward, light-heavyweight from Iron, Mich.

Plans are being made for either the reorganization of one of the old clubs or the formation of a new club to operate on a weekly year-around basis here that will try to answer the long-felt need of developing local drawing cards. Bobby Burns and Frankie Gerrard ran their courses prematurely, and three other boys have been out of action due to managerial trouble. This narrows the field of Toledo active fighters down to two, and they are both novices. The new club would offer a golden opportunity to any fighter who would want to come in here and establish himself. The field is wide open, due to Toledo talent being practically non-existent.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JOE MATISI seems to have reached the end of his tether. Matisi was knocked out in the first round by Johnny Flynn, Rochester heavyweight, in their scheduled ten round bout at the Fairview A.C. Matisi took a nine count from a right hand punch and in less than two and a half minutes of fighting Joe went to the canvas again and was counted out. Flynn did a good job of hard, accurate punching and will be a good attraction both here and in Rochester for future fights.

Matisi, at one time, promised to make a lot of money. His knockouts over Tommy Gomez and Joe Muscato caused the fans to sit up and take notice. Joe was flooded with offers. Somehow or other when just at his peak things went bad for the Endicott fighter and he slowly went down hill. Matisi is a fine lad and his many friends will regret his passing from the fistic picture.

In other bouts on the FAC card Walter Kolby won from Tommy Taylor, lightweights; Rocky Bonacci, Syracuse, defeated Bernie Cummins; Johnny Rowe, Rochester welter, scored over Charlie Banks and Bob Cedar of Syracuse whipped Buffalo's Frankie Robinson. About 2500 fans turned out for the show. Lou Scozza and Eddie Seres did the refereeing; Tom Fisher and Leon Strachowiak were judges and Ike Klipfel was timer. Manny Weitz, as usual, did the announcing.

Henry (Snow) Flake, young Buffalo Negro heavyweight, who gives great promise of reaching the top, has run into a heap of bad luck. Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the New York state athletic commission, has reported to Chairman Eddie Eagan that Flake has cataracts on his eyes and will have to take a long vacation from boxing. If the trouble can be corrected without an operation Flake will be able to resume his ring career. If, however, an operation is required no one can foretell what the result will be. Flake has been coming along like an embryo champion. He beat big Pat Comiskey, then knocked Pat out; twice whipped Lee Oma, in Buffalo, first, and repeated in the Garden and has been winning recognition everywhere. The young Negro is a gentleman, and a hard trainer.

There will be little open-air boxing in the Buffalo sector. Summer shows have never paid here although both Jack Singer and Dewey Michaels may take one or two flings at it. Ed Don George, wrestling promoter, will not attempt to stage any grapple shows outdoors.

SHORT STUF . . . Chops Alberto, one of the best trainers in town, is now managing two likely looking youngsters. They are Jim Raymond, 145, ex-amateur star, and Vincent Debatistian (Debange) who scales around 150.

Charlie (Don) Williams stopped Bobby Dare in the seventh round of their scheduled tenrounder here. When Dare's eye was cut Dr. Louis A. Kaiser told the referee, Fred Stanton, to halt proceedings.

Earl (Red) Pierce, local heavyweight, made Jim Cully, the 262-pound Irishman, look like a chump. Although a novice himself, Pierce flattened Cully in the third round. Pierce had suffered three knockdowns himself before sending Cully to the land-of-nod. . . . Pete Zaduk, hard-punching Toronto middleweight, knocked out Art Tate of Cleveland in the second round.

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Promoter Jack Singer would like to stage a 12-rounder between Ezzard Charles and Phil Muscato at Civic Stadium this summer. Muscato is "sitting out" his contract with Guy Sulpi and says he will not box again until his agreement with Sulpi ends.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

HARRY (SNUFFY) SMITH, 136, of Rochester, defeated Harold Jones, 139, Detroit, in the top eight-rounder of two eight-round main events in the final indoor show at the Sports Arena. In the other eight, Slam Bang Johnny Rowe, 139, Rochester, gave Johnny Kaufman, 147, also of Rochester, weight, height and reach and fought him to a draw in eight.

In the other bouts little Calvin Leigh, 116½, Rochester, won his fight with ease by outpointing Jose Garcia, 123, of Puerto Rico, in six. Leigh had Garcia down for a count of eight in the fifth. Jerry Fleming, 155, of Rochester, and Jackie Duggan, 162, of Toronto, fought to a draw in six. Tony Matthews, 138, Detroit, T.K.O.'ed Fern LaChappelle, 137, Niagara Falls, in five. Willie Giano, 153, Rochester, won his second in a row in Rochester by kayoing Philly Dolce, 155, Weehawken, N. J., in one round. Fans numbering 2,060 paid a $4,200 gross gate.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Roy (Cyclone) Williams, 166, of St. Petersburg, Fla., stopped Prentice Hall, 170, of Buffalo, in four rounds. Billy Palumbo, 134, Fleetville, Pa., defeated Georgie Knox, 132, of Newark, N. J. Jimmy Leslie, 154, Augusta, Ga., defeated Eddie Fisher, 149½, Scranton, in six. George Vento, 140, Valley Stream, L. I., kayoed Alvis Coleman, 144, of New York, in six. Lee Phillips, 144, Buffalo, and Jimmy Conroy, 145, drew in four. Don Compo, 171, Syracuse, chilled Eldridge Lacey, 173, Buffalo, in two rounds.

At Buffalo, Irish Johnny Rowe, 137, of Rochester, had an easy time in defeating Charley Banks, 138, Buffalo, in six, and Johnny Kaufman, 147, of Rochester, won over Harold Vinson, 149, of Detroit, in six. To date Irish Johnny Rowe has won all his fights and is ready for the best of them in the lightweight class.

The following boys are training at the new gym on Main Street: Irish Johnny Flynn, Buddy Walker, Jerry Fleming, Willie Giano, Johnny Kaufman, Irish Johnny Rowe, Wild Billy Foley, Harry (Snuffy) Smith, Calvin Leigh, Eddie Vaugh, Lou Brooks and a few others. The above boys are booked by the writer and the address is 103 S. Union St., Rochester 7, N. Y.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

IT TOOK Nick Barone, 170, Syracuse, only 1:25 of the third round to prove his mastery over Russ Baxter, 166½, New Castle, Pa., in the ten-round main event at the Coliseum, but Baxter didn't belong in the same ring with Barone. Every time Barone threw a hard punch, Baxter went crashing to the canvas. Baxter was down for a nine-count in the first, twice in the second and a left-hook sent him flat on his back in the third, when Referee Tony Petta called a halt. Nick hits too hard for fellows like Baxter. This local boy, handled by the astute Henny Andrews, is one of the best prospects to come out of Syracuse since Ralph DeJohn broke into the light-heavyweight picture.

Because Nick's opponent was not known here, a slim crowd of only 2,825 paid $4,425 to watch the one-sided scrap. Had Nick been in there with a known performer the house would have been $12,000 or better after the whaling Barone gave Ossie (Bulldog) Harris here.

Results of the other bouts: Clem Custer, 130, Detroit, fought six slashing rounds to a draw with Danny Carbello, 125, New York, in the semi-final. Custer, an orthodox two-fisted slugger, found the tricky, elastic Carbello a hard man to tag. Carbello made a big hit with his elusive, steady punching style, which reminded fans of Bushy Graham, in his prime. Johnny Montreal, 134½, Solvay, knocked out Curtis Swain, 135, Newark, N. J., in 1:19 of the second round. Cos Crosby, 130, Philadelphia, knocked out Danny Jefferies, 126, London, in the first round. Jefferies was down three times and automatically kayoed. Leon Gabriels, 148, Atlantic City, N. J., slick-looking, muscular Negro dynamiter, stopped Milt Marranto, 147, Philadelphia, in the fifth of a scheduled six. Jim Warren, 155, Newark, N. J., kayoed Billy Gillespie, 160, Detroit, in the third round of the scheduled four-round opener.

In a return dock walloping battle that kept the crowd in a continual uproar of excitement, Pete Mead, 159½, Grand Rapids, Mich., decisioned Tough Tony Masciarelli, 160, New York, in the ten-round windup at the Coliseum, really one of the best ring battles staged here in years. A crowd of 3,068 fans paid $5,091.25 to watch the action and there was plenty of it. Mead bounced his Sunday punch off Tony's chin time after time. It was one of those fights that kept the fans on edge every second. Pete's strong finish enabled him to walk off with the verdict.

Results of the other bouts: Bobby Bell, 128, New York, made a garrison finish to outpoint Bobby Lloyd, 124, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in a hard-fought six-round semi-final. Johnny Montreal, 134, Solvay, knocked out Fern LaChappelle, 138, in the second round of a scheduled six-rounder. Leon Gabriel, 147, Atlantic City Negro bomber, flattened Jackie Smith, 147, Wilkes-Barre, in the third round, while Ray McGibbons, 159, Niagara Falls, got off the floor in the first round and came back to outslug Jim Warren, 154, Newark, N. J., to win the four-round lid lifter. Both shows recorded above were presented by the Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., of which Louis Leone is president and promoter, Eddie Gallagher, the matchmaker. This club plans to run through the summer, indoors.

Hugo Bonacci, Irv Robbins' crack middleweight, has gone on a knockout rampage. He has stowed away his last twelve opponents. Hugo is coming along fast, his sensational style makes a hit with fans wherever he appears.

Joey DeJohn, Syracuse star, knocked out Stanley (Baby) Sims, New York Negro, in the eighth round, celebrating the first outdoor boxing show of the season at MacArthur Stadium. Promoted by the Central City Athletic Club, Inc., of which Tony Bersani is promoter, the bout lured only 2,427 fans, who laid down $3,968.75 to watch the card, which included some bristling preliminaries.

Weighing 159, DeJohn was top man all the way, never being seriously threatened by Sims, who at 157½ pounds, proved a rugged catcher. DeJohn is far too good for opponents of the Sims calibre, and draws profit-paying crowds only when paired with fighters capable of giving him a battle. A right to the jaw dumped Sims for ten in the eighth.

Results of the other bouts: Rudy Turner, 159, Buffalo, had his hands full with Don Hassock, 160, but was able to outpoint the rugged New Yorker, in a bristling eight-round semi-final fought during an intermittent drizzle, which also marred the final go. Jerry Fleming, 160, Rochester, knocked out Willie Dooley, 158, New York, in the second round of a scheduled sixer. In a hammer-and-tongs slugfest which provided plenty of hard fighting, Vince Turpin, 147½, New York Negro, earned a close decision over Ricky Miller, 149½, Buffalo, in six rounds. Getting up from a first-round knockdown, Willie Giano, 153, Rochester, came back to kayo Jimmy Beardon, 151½, New York, in the second round of the scheduled four-round curtain-raiser.

Left-Hooks: Max Baer, former world's heavyweight king, was a visitor at Ithaca. . . . Baer and his wife were visiting the home of Max's father-in-law, James P. Sullivan. . . . Don Williams, former Syracusan, now fighting out of Worcester, Mass., is a rising welter in New England, having won 25 out of 26 fights. . . . Eddie Gallagher, matchmaker for the Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., will be glad to hear from managers of fighters in all divisions. . . . Write him at 269 James Street, Syracuse, N. Y. . . . One Syracusan who sees all the big New York ring battles, and those in Chicago and Newark, too, is Mickey (Track 14) Guilfoyle. . . . Vic Frank, dyed-in-the-wool fan, is operating one of the largest printing plants in Central New York. . . . Percy Harris of Harris' Corner, 7th Avenue and 132nd Street, New York, was here for the second Mead-Masciarelli fight, and said it was one of the best he has ever seen. . . . Percy is singing the praises of Henry Robinson, rugged Chicago welterweight. . . . Johnny Dell's gymnasium, located at 213 North Salina Street, is one of the best equipped boxers' training quarters this side of New York City. . . . Gorgeous Georges, the much publicized wrestler, drew two big crowds here. . . . Louis Leon tells us Sonny Horne asked a $2,500 guarantee to fight Nick Barone here. . . . Sonny could get that much and more on a percentage. . . . Henny Andrews turned down $1500 for a fight between Nick Barone and Omelio Agramonte in Havana, June 19. . . . "Too far to go for that kind of money," said Andrews.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

DOM SINIBALDI, Berlin welterweight, won the state championship by defeating Mike Saad (Ryan) of Manchester in a ten-round bout held at the new Notre Dame Arena at Berlin, N. H. Despite the cold weather and excessive rain over one thousand fans attended the show which marked the return of boxing to Berlin. Several attempts to revive the game were unsuccessful during the past five years. To quote a local sports scribe: "The card was a GOOD one. The accommodations at the Notre Dame Arena were EXCELLENT. The prices were scaled right and all in all, it was a gala affair with 1,173 paid admissions attending."

The officially sanctioned championship tussle was a close contest all the way and Sinibaldi won because of aggressiveness, having only a three-point margin in the final tally of the judges and the referee. Saad of the Queen City came in overweight and thereby forfeited the title, but the Berlin battler went on to beat his opponent in true championship fashion. Sinibaldi weighed 143 to Saad's 148½.

In the other bouts on that program, veteran Pat Dyer, 145, Berlin, won a unanimous decision over Gaston Proteau, 140, of Sherbrooke, Canada. In another six-rounder, 130-pounder Edgar K.O. Perreault of Berlin scored a one-round knockout over "Smiley" DeStefano, 132, of Sherbrooke, P. Q.

Tony Junior, 140, of Berlin, defeated Gilles Lambert, 138, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., in four. In the other four-rounder, Johnny Donato of Berlin, 130, fought to a draw against Kid Ouellette, 129, Sherbrooke, P. Q.

Something worthy of mention here is the writer's two trips to Quebec City,, where boxing is being conducted successfully by Promoters Paul Letourneau and former Canadian flyweight champ and contender for world honors, Aurelien Lamothe. Quebec's outstanding contribution to fistic fame is bantam and featherweight king, Fernando Gagnon, who if often featured in their shows and also in Montreal. THE RING ratings have Gagnon in the sixth spot among the 118-pounders. Canada can well be proud of Gagnon, for he is not only an excellent man inside the squared circle, but also a clean-living and serious athlete and gentleman on the outside. The governing body of the Quebec City Boxing Commission is an efficient one. The trip was an enjoyable and constructive experience which will long be remembered and which may prove valuable to the writer in future fistic dealings.

At Manchester, N. H., Tommy "Red" Wells chalked up another victory at the Recreation Center as he made his first appearance in six months before local ring fans. He knocked out Buddy Lessard with a wicked left to the midsection in 1:46 of the second round.

Preliminary bouts saw Lou Bell, 131, Lowell, Mass., and Bob Pooler, 142, Portland, Me., come out as winners. Bell T.K.O.'ed Eddie Hudson, 130, Bath, Me., and Pooler won over Young Leo, 138, Lowell, Mass., in six.

Once again at Manchester, N. H., Frankie Conti, 136, of Haverhill, Mass., T.K.O.'ed Gene Gomez, 130½, of Havana, Cuba, this time in the sixth of a scheduled ten-rounder. It was an action-packed show and Conti and Gomez mixed it up from the start to the delight of only 246 paid admissions.

In the preliminaries, more surprises and thrills greeted the fans as Irish Billy Joyce, 179½, of Boston, K.O.'ed Big Boy Smith, 184, of Portland, Me., at 1:19 of the first round. Kid Cournoyer, 126, Derry, copped a unanimous verdict over Robert Veal, 126, of Boston. Both bouts were four-rounders.

The six-round bouts had Mike Duggy, 146, Boston, winning by a K.O. over Frankie Young, 142½, Haverhill, in the third round and Pat Monahan, 144, Derry, K.O.'ed Young Dempsey, 158, Boston, in 2:29 of the third.

Rambling around with Granite State fighters—At Lewiston, Me.: Oliver Desmarais, 133, of Manchester, was outpointed by the well-known and highly-rated Hermie Freeman, 137, of Eagle Lake, Me., before 1,087 fans. In the semi-final Jimmy Dinardo, 143, Berlin, stopped Les Ways, 148, of Livermore Falls, Me.

At Worcester, Mass.: George Smith, 138, of Haverstraw, N. Y., T.K.O.'ed Tommy "Red" Wells, 135, of Manchester, in the scheduled ten-round main event before only 387 fans at the Mechanics Hall.

Unattached fighters desiring work around these parts this summer are requested to contact the writer and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. You will receive immediate response. State age, weight and color along with a brief summary of ring experience. And that winds up another report of fistic news from "Way Up in New Hampshire," 'til next month. Address: 80 Mechanic Street, Berlin, N. H.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

JOE DISCEPOLI and Pat Iacobucci clashed in their return bout on May 26 at Music Hall. They had previously fought a draw. This time Discepoli, 131, with a pull in the weights of 5¼ pounds, outboxed, outhit and outclassed Pat over the ten round route.

The match drew well for Promoters Sam and Benny Becker with a $6779 gross and $5286 net.

Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati middleweight, won a decision over Irish Johnny Cooper of New York in 10 rounds. Sheriff Jackson, Columbus, O., middle, knocked out Mickey Janoski of Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in 17 seconds of round one; Charlie Scott kept up his winning streak, winning on a TKO in 4 over Art Edmerson. In the other six rounder, Joe Kelly of Oakland, Calif., whipped Oliver Cobbins.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—Rube Burstion, Negro welterweight, is planning a comeback . . . . Rube is an ex-GI . . . . Blade Field in Elmwood Place was the scene of some good amateur bouts during the past month, directed by Tony Mastro . . . . Alfredo Legay, a South American 185 pounder, is shooting for a local match with Ezz Charles . . . . Forrest McKinney, the new Indianapolis promoter, is a live-wire . . . . Jack White of Pittsburgh is clicking with his shows.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

THE indoor season ended as this column went to press, and the promoters in Chicago did little if anything to develop talent for future shows. New York City has a fight club in operation nightly for the boxing appetite, and we hardly support one, with an overall population of approximately 4,000,000 residents. What a shame!

Marigold Gardens—Talmadge Bussey, hard-punching Detroit lightweight, had his hands full in his 10-round go with elusive Willie Cheatum, veteran Newark, New Jerseyite. Bussey was in trouble on several occasions, and had to punch his way out time and again.

The six round semi-final was won by Harold Vinson, Detroit, middleweight, over Lafayette Drummond of Chicago, who doesn't win very often, but is kept busy.

And in the four rounders, Bobby Sherrer, brother of Jimmy, Milwaukee welterweight ace, fought to a standstill with Willie Hall, another Detroit glove wielder.

James Burke of Milwaukee, who was stiffened in a round by Clinton Bacon, Chicago's light-heavyweight prospect, was pitted against Doug Land, and was credited with a two-round knockout over the Muskegon, Michigan, 165-pounder.

Billy Reese, Milwaukee, 175-pound southpaw, who was also larruped by Clinton Bacon, stopped Charley Peters in two rounds.

In the opening bout, Troy Luckett won over Johnny Morgan, who made his pro debut in the lightweight ranks. Luckett hails from Milwaukee.

Bob Penn, one-time manager of Freddie Dawson, is itching to get back in harness in a managerial capacity.

Marigold Gardens—Talmadge Bussey, Detroit clouter, fought Wray Carter of Chicago's Southside in a spirited 10-round glovefest and walked off with the decision.

Richard Hagan looked none too good in his six round semi-final with Al Hunter, elongated heavyweight out of the "Motor City." Hagen won via the kayo route in a sloppy-looking encounter in the sixth and final stanzas.

In another six rounder, Don Eagle, Indian warrior from Caughnawaga, Canada, put Johnny Flannagan, Chicago's heavy, away inside of two rounds.

Poor Floyd Williams and substitute Dave Green were suspended after their bout was halted in the second round and declared a no-contest affair. They both tried, but the bout just wouldn't click.

Berry Gordy, pleasing Detroit featherweight, won a thriller from Nick Kachardus of Chicago, who was finally stopped in the third round. Time—2:02.

Roy Callender, Chicago 165-pounder, and Bobby Morris of Detroit, Michigan, ended even-stephen.

Coliseum Club—In a political ward show, Harold Guss, St. Louis heavyweight, won a dull eight round match from veteran Bob Garner, Louisville, Kentuckian.

"Killer" Danny Robinson took care of a previous draw with Paulie Davis of Detroit and won handily in their six round semi-feature.

Louis Gray of St. Louis, Mo., scored a 4 round kayo over Oscar Hamp.

Don Lupo, local amateur mitt flinger, turned pro and won his first professional contest. Not having any fight results on this show, which is laxity on the part of the newspapers, I can't recall the name of the opponent.

Marigold Gardens—Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, 152-pounder, turned a dull uninteresting fight with Norman Horton of Dayton, Ohio, into a subsequent technical knockout in his favor, inside of four rounds.

Danny Robinson, 142-pound West Sider, went right after Sid Oliver of Detroit, Mich., at the bell and belted the "Vehicle City" opponent out of the picture in the initial round.

The LaBroi Twins, a pair of former Negro amateur boxers, turned pro. One won and one lost.

Gerald LaBroi, Gary, 138-pounder, was defeated by Joe Henderson, out of Detroit, in four rounds and brother John soundly whipped Johnny Morgan of Chicago's Southside.

Nick Ranieri, Chicago, middleweight southpaw, had plenty on his hands with Roy Callender, also of Chicago, but won out after five interesting rounds.

In the opening encounter Berry Gordy of Detroit battled four wild rounds with Richard Armstrong of Dayton, Ohio, and a favorable verdict outside of a draw couldn't be reached.

Marigold Gardens—Luigi Valentini, European welterweight importation, made his second American appearance a whale of a success. Luigi opposed a crafty adversary in Willie Cheatum, who fought courageously, but the European proved that he knows all of the tricks and can compete with fast company by taking down the 10-round decision.

James Enopia, who is nicknamed "Pineapple," because he comes from Hawaii, won a second bout from Herman Mills in the six round semi-final.

John Holman, up-and-coming Chicago heavyweight, achieved a three round technical knockout over husky Jackie Thompson, 195-pound Detroit heavy.

The LaBroi Twins fought again, this time Gerald LaBroi stopped Mickey McDonaugh of Florida in two rounds; and brother John won over George Sherman, a last minute substitute.

Eddie Newman made his pro debut and won out over Merle Greenwood, also of Chicago, in the four round curtain raiser. They are middleweights.

Marigold Gardens—The final show of the past month turned out to be the worst mismatched card of them all. Enrico Bertola, Italian heavyweight champion, gained his third straight United States victory, but what a mismatch. An opponent who has had but six pro fights, mind you, was knocked out once and never went six rounds in any of his fights. Poor Orlan Ott, East Chicago heavyweight, was really fed to the wolves, and he was promptly battered into submission. Nobody takes credit for this fau paux, which was a scheduled eight rounder.

Eddie Lander, now a veteran 140-pounder, is on the comeback trail, and was pitted opposite the often knocked out Vic Creelman. However, Eddie did emerge with an eight round victory, if it means anything.

Tiger Weems, who was defeated by Stan Hartman, had a banner night, and surprised the boxing fraternity with a one round knockout of Bobby Sherrer, who was blasted to the canvas twice before he was finally knocked out. They are lightweights.

Wally Rose, Chicago, Southside Negro 150-pounder, won over Rocky Slyapich of Detroit, four rounds; Eddie Newman, South Side Negro 165-pounder, gained his second pro win, this time at the expense of Roy Callender, and in the opening joust Jimmy Sheets, who has had at least 35 pro encounters, opened the card with a win over Howard Blunt of East Moline, Illinois.

Don Eagle incurred a mishap while on a hunting trip and accidentally shot himself in the stomach. Too bad. He was to have fought on the Louis-Walcott card.

Attention—Experienced fighters seeking work here in the Middle West will do well to contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. In your letter please enclose your won and loss record, a good fight photo and any fight clippings that will add to your fighting potentialities. So, until next month, so long.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

FOR several months now, Colorado promoters have been complying with a request from the Colorado Athletic Commission to use out of town talent in top spots on their fight cards. The newspapers have also joined the parade and have given wonderful publicity. In fact, everyone connected with boxing in Denver has cooperated to the fullest extent—everyone, that is, but the Denver fight fan, who has been conspicuous by his absence from the highly publicized shows.

K. S. (Kollie) Barnett stepped back into the picture with a fair boxing card on May 27 at City Auditorium. Barnett, who reportedly lost over $2,500 on the promotion, was indignant at the high-handed treatment handed him by the Commission, and his matchmaker, A. Thomas (Pinkie) Flood, resigned his matchmaker's license with a scathing letter to the Commission.

Barnett may follow the advice of Jack Carberry, sports editor of the Denver *Post*, who said in an editorial on the boxing situation:

"Until there is an entire new setup in boxing—a top-to-bottom house cleaning, with officials in whom the public has confidence appointed to office—a guy who attempts to promote boxing in this town has holes in his head."

Maurice Salzer promoted another show on May 21 and again lost money.

Jackie Turner of Vancouver, B. C., lost a ten round split decision to Val Alvarado of Montrose, Colo., in a bantamweight scrap at Salzer's show. Jimmy Watson, 160, Omaha, fancy danned his way to an easy decision over Little Joe Louis, 152, Denver, in six rounds. The best bout of the evening was between two local lightweights, Dick Weinhold and Louis Ruybalid. Weinhold won the last two rounds but had clowned so much in the first four that he lost the decision.

In preliminaries, Dick Carr, 128, Denver, T.K.O.'ed Joey Armijo, 128, Denver, in the second and Tommy Gressett, 139, Denver, knocked out Harry Jackson, 133, Denver, also in the second and Paul Bennett, 162, Denver, K.O.'ed Chick Nichols, 156, in just 47 seconds of the curtain raiser.

Charlie Salas, 147, Phoenix, easily decisioned Johnny Dabbs, 144, Beaumont, in a one-sided ten round bout on May 27. Salas proved to be too fast for the Texas Welter and won at least seven of the ten rounds. Jose Rocha, 148, Mexico City, won by T.K.O. over Larry Ray, 151, Detroit, in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Wayne Strowbridge, Colorado Springs middleweight, showed plenty of class by outpointing Little Joe Louis in what was easily the best bout on the card. Strowbridge knocked Louis down in the fourth of the six hotly contested rounds. Freddie Dillion, 135, Boulder, copped the nod over Shipper Sherbak, 132, Manitou Springs, and Jack Massey, 132, Manitou Springs, shaded Cerio Zuripa, 131, Beaumont.

While the local tug of war goes on, Colorado's best boxers are elsewhere. Corky Gonzales stacked up two more victories and continues to merit the high praise given him wherever he appears. Gonzales, who is unbeaten as a professional, is Colorado's best bet for a world champion since Jack Dempsey. The 124 pound lad moves with catlike precision and beats a steady tattoo on his opponents.

Corky won an easy six round decision over Red Grant in Omaha May 28 and knocked out Quintero Hosza of Puerto Rico in two rounds of a scheduled six before 7500 fans on the Jackie Graves-Harold Dade card in Minneapolis, June 3. Watch Gonzales climb to the top of the fistic ladder within the next two years.

Pat O'Leary, Denver's fighting Irish lightweight, showed plenty of class in winning over Bud Love at Topeka, Kansas, and Milton Enright at Minneapolis in sizzling four round bouts.

Joe Danos, Denver welterweight, who was out of action last month due to a sacroiliac sprain, will be back in action in the coming month.

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IN INDIANA RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

COLION CHANEY, Indianapolis heavyweight, is making a strong bid to enter the top ten ratings of the nation by his recent victories over topnotch talent. Chaney scored an impressive ten round win over Sid Peaks, rated number three last month in RING ratings, in a bout at Indianapolis. Chaney now holds two wins over Peaks. The Hoosier scrapper has also beaten Henry Flake and Lee Oma recently and kayoed Mose Brown. The Chaney-Peaks bout was for the state heavyweight championship. It topped an all-heavyweight card at the Indianapolis Midget Speedway.

Other results: Bob O'Bannon, a lad from the southern part of the state who promises to be a good prospect, kayoed Wendy Gallant, Chicago, in five rounds.

Bill Roberts, 185, Indianapolis, knocked out Shanko Chaney, 170, Indianapolis, brother of Colion, in two rounds. Bob Cotton, 170, Indianapolis, won a decision from Chet Harter, 186, Ft. Wayne, in six rounds. Jess McGowan, 184, Louisville, decisioned Chuck Cross (Salty Wade), 178, Indianapolis, in four rounds, and Kid Harvey, 204, Muncie, decisioned Claude Brown, 204, Louisville.

Bob Simmons, one of this state's best punchers, is back in the ring after a long layoff. Simmons is the state welter champ. On recent shows in Indianapolis he won over Dick Smith and dropped a close duke to Eddie Miller. Simmons is managed by Jack Cronin, who also pilots Al Johnson.

Forrest McKinney is the new Indianapolis promoter. He succeeded Lloyd Carter. McKinney's promotional debut with Gus Lesnevich on the card, was a financial success and since then, the local promoter has staged several cards.

Several good amateurs are making the grade as pro fighters here. After the winter tournaments, these lads turned to the money ranks and may go a long way in fistic circles. Most promising of these are Russ McKinney, a slender, fancy, fast-moving 126-pounder, Bill Roberts, hard-hitting tough light-heavy, and Sylvester Simmons, stiff punching southpaw lightweight. These boys are products of Indianapolis simon-pure rings. While upstates in Gary the LaBroi twins, John and George, are now campaigning in Chicago pro rings. The twins are former Indiana AAU champions.

Gene (Tiny) Bland is promoting weekly amateur bouts in Indianapolis. Bland has a large stable of fighters and his contests with out-of-town teams draw plenty of action.

Bob Stranahan, Indianapolis boxing judge, and sports writer, has been appointed sports editor of the Indianapolis *Star*. The Ole Kunnel has been a fight judge for several years and is an ardent boxing fan. This corner is happy to hear of his new appointment.

At the present time there are only two Indiana cities holding boxing shows, Michigan and Indianapolis. Shows in Michigan City are held weekly in conjunction with a Chicago television studio and twice monthly in Indianapolis. Evansville ran a show or two during the winter as did New Albany.

This corner after a long absence from these pages is happy to be back. Any boxing news and comment is welcome. Sorry, we do not have pictures of boxers. The address is 1325 E. Tabor Street, Indianapolis 3, Ind.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND. This was a bad month for boxing with most of the clubs preparing to shift to outdoors and the few clubs who did move outside were handicapped by bad weather. Weekly boxing shows will be held at the Red Bank Armory. Vic Marsillo, who brought Jersey Joe Walcott off the fistic scrap-heap has taken over former light-heavyweight champ Melio Bettina and hopes to bring Melio back.

After a six-year absence from the ring Irish Jackie Savage of Elizabeth, has come back to run off three straight wins. Manager Frank Orlando is looking forward to a big summer.

Ike Williams of Trenton, world's lightweight champion, successfully defended his title by winning a split decision over Enrique Bolanos. Lee Savold continued on his winning ways by stopping Pete Louthis at Akron. Tony Riccio was stopped by Lee Sala at Pittsburgh, while Johnny DeFazio suffered his third loss on the same card. Charley Williams scored two good wins during the past month.

World's Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich is the proud father of twin girls, which now gives Gus two boys and two girls.

Russ Davis of Trenton, 118, looks like the best of the little boys in the state.

BEST PROSPECT OF THE MONTH—Vince Sabatini, young, hard-punching Atlantic City 140-pound knockout artist, has halted 14 of his 15 opponents, six of them in the first round.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—JERSEY CITY GARDENS: Jerry Coursol, 146, Valley Stream, L. I., gave poorly conditioned Walter Stevens, 145, the worst beating of his career. Coursol, who isn't much of a puncher, put Stevens down three times in the ninth.

Johnny DeFazio, 134, Bayonne, closed fast to win a close decision from Freddy Smith, 130, Harlem, in 6. Vince McGuire, 135, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Rufus Spencer, 140, Bronx, in 1. Tony Tenore, 140, Hoboken, whipped Johnny Senceni, 139, Freeport, L. I., in 4. Tony Forte, 136, New York, halted Joe Gonzales, 132, Brooklyn, in 3. Hank Watkins, 165, Red Bank, scored over John Askew, 163, New York City, in 4.

ATLANTIC CITY—Herman McCray, 150, Philadelphia, scored a big upset by easily outpointing Leroy Coleman, 152, Lodi, N. J., in 8. Malcolm Gains, 150, Atlantic City, outpointed Jimmy Milligan, 151, Haskill, in 6. Lou Cooper, 136, Philadelphia, won a close one from Billy Dove, 138, Cliffside Park, in 6. Vince Sabatini, 138, Atlantic City, rolled on by stopping Tommy Barr, 140, Philadelphia, in the second. Carey Saxon, 127, Atlantic City, flattened Charlie Fields, 122, Philadelphia, in 4.

Harold Johnson, 170, Philadelphia, hung up his twenty-first straight win by outpointing young Vernon Williams, 170, Atlantic City, 8. Williams who was outclassed, but not outfought, suffered his first loss in 10 wins. Bob Payne, 168, Philadelphia, won from the veteran Cleve Bailey, 169, Vineland, in six slow rounds. Bucky Slocum, 138, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Vince Merollo, 140, Philadelphia, in 3. Teddy DeMarco, 142, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Gene Bennett, 142, Atlantic City, in 2.

Herbie Biff Jones, 135, Washington, D. C., ruined Eddie Holtz's, 138, Atlantic City, main bout debut by handing him a bad beating and halting him in 1:35 of the sixth. It was the first time that Eddie was on the floor in twenty-one bouts. Jimmy Green, 132, Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Parlin, 128, Philadelphia, in the third. Jim Swan, 148, Atlantic City, and Johnny Ford, 146, Philadelphia, drew in 6. Steve Lawrence, 136, Atlantic City, whipped Don Mackey, 130, Philadelphia, in 4. Solly Troy, 137, Philadelphia, and Julio Willis, 136, Philadelphia, weren't interested in fighting so the bout was called no contest in the second round.

Percy Bassett, 128, Philadelphia, racked up his 22nd straight win by outpointing the veteran Johnny Forte, 130, Philadelphia. Johnny put up a game battle but Percy, who never stops punching, just threw too much leather, winning seven of the eight rounds. Jimmy Milligan, 152, Haskill, won the rubber match from Malcolm Gains, 151, Atlantic City, in the dullest of their four bouts. Jimmy won four of the seven rounds. Red Peterson, 166, Philadelphia, stopped Clarence Smith, 164, Philadelphia, in 2. Al Berry, 145, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Billy Gallagher, 145, Philadelphia, in 4. Carey Saxon, 128, Atlantic City, won from Harvey Griffiths, 129, Philadelphia, in 4. This was the last indoor show of the season.

NEWARK—Archie DeVino, 127, Newark, came off the floor in the third round to outpunch Davey (Red) Allen, 124, Bronx, in eight fast rounds. Tommy Parks, 145, Rahway comer, K.O.'ed Miles Jones, 143, Washington, D. C., in 1. Charlie McGarry, 127, Rahway, former state Golden Glove champ, made his pro bow by stopping Johnny Ray, 129, Harlem, in 3. Sal Zano, 126, Belleville, outpointed Stokes Thomas, 135, Newark, in 4; Earl Peoples, 151, Harlem, whipped Charley Zellers, 159, Newark, in 4.

A punch delivered by either Mike DeCosmo, 141, or Laurie Buxton, 145, felled Referee Joe Walker as he broke them at the final bell. I guess the effect of the punch was the cause of this bad decision by Joe which gave Buxton, London, England, the nod over the Elizabeth southpaw. Mel Neary, 129, Philadelphia, won from Billy Ligett, 128, Trenton, in 6. Billy was down in the fifth. Joe Gabriele, 129, Orange, outpointed Charley McGarry, 128, Rahway, in 5. Sammy LaRatta, 143, Belleville, halted Joe Ruggiero, 145, North Arlington, in 3. Steve Klepeis, 163, body-punching Paterson Southpaw, stiffened Lee Stiner, 167, New York City, in 1. Johnny Colan, 178, West Side light-heavyweight, scored a good win when he stopped the clever Pittsburgher, Jackie Lyons, 179, in 2:16 of the fifth round. Jackie gave Colan a boxing lesson for three rounds but Johnny's body punches slowed Lyons down so that Johnny could put over the crusher, a solid right hand on the chin. Isaac Jenkins, 146, New York City, K.O.'ed Earl Peoples, 148, Harlem, in 1. Tony Cimmino, 144, Bayonne, won from Teddy Prichard, 145, Harlem southpaw, in six. Dick Walsh, 188, Cliffside Park, whipped Frankie Reed, 190, New York City, in 4. J. D. Kirkpatrick, 182, Cliffside Park, scored over Lee Carter, 203, Long Branch, in 4.

Johnny (Tuck) Allen, 214, Paterson, returned to the ring after a long absence to outpoint Fidel Arciniega, 184, Spain, in the eight-round feature. It was a fast fight for heavyweights with Allen's fast finish winning for him. Jimmy Milligan, 151, Haskill, won his second seven-round bout in five days by upsetting Jerry Coursol, 146, Valley Stream, L. I. Tommy Thomas, 147, Montclair, ruined Joey Fernandez's ring return by outscoring the Jersey City 145-pounder in 6. Artie Levine, 134, Bayonne, whipped Sal Zano, 137, Belleville, in 4. Hank Watkins, 165, Red Bank, whipped Johnny Grey, 162, New York, in 4.

TWIN CITY ELIZABETH—Eddie Edwards, 151, Newark, scored an upset by halting Joe DeMartino, 148, Newark, in 1.45 of the third. Andy DePaul, 152, Cliffside Park, outpointed Jimmy Milligan, 154, Haskill, in 6. Carl Taulman, 143, Cliffside Park, upset Johnny Darby, 146, Paterson, in 6. Billy Dove, 141, Cliffside Park, flattened Nick Restano, 145, Newark, in 3. Lenny LaBrutta, 135, Elizabeth, K.O.'ed Greg Gomez, 138, New York City, in 5. Artie Levine, 131, Bayonne, outpointed Teddy Testa, 125, Bloomfield, in 4.

Tommy Parks, 145, Rahway, defeated Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 147, Bronx. In our opinion, Hairston outpunched his foe clearly all the way and easily won the fight. Dick Cannady, 144, Newark, outclassed Shaddy Devane, 146, Brooklyn, but Referee Mangold gave this one to Devane. Artie Donato, 194, Red Bank, came off the floor in the first round to upset Joe Chesul, 184, Bayonne, in 6. It was Joe's second loss in twenty fights. Buddy Latch, 154, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Charlie Kellis, 158, in 1. Johnny Gray, 162, New York City, halted Nick DiGrazio, 158, Garwood, in 2. Adam Husar, 145, Newark, K.O.'ed Joe Blester, 147, Newark, in 4.

Charley Fusari, 147, Irvington, New Jersey, welterweight, scored a hard fought win over Laurie Buxton, 144, London, England. Fusari tried for a knockout all the way but was bothered by Buxton's weaving style. Charley's left eye was cut in the fourth. However, he came back to batter Buxton badly in the sixth and eighth rounds. Joey Gabriele, 128, Orange, K.O.'ed Jose Gonzales, 133, Brooklyn, in 1. Teddy Prichard, 147, New York City southpaw, stiffened Frankie Foran, 146, Summit, in 0:44 of 1. Charlie McGarry, 129, Rahway, rallied to outslug Ralph Booker, 129, Paterson, in 4. Billy Robb, 124, Trenton southpaw, outpunched Billy Muth, 128, Clark Township, in 4.

At the Eastern Parkway Arena, Tippy Larkin, 142, Garfield, junior welterweight champion of the world, easily outpointed Ruby Kessler, 145, Brooklyn, in 10. Ruby tried all the way, but he was just outclassed.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

AFTER one unsuccessful promotional venture, the Empire Sports Corporation in Norfolk, with Ezra Summers and Bob Scercey in the matchmaking roles, have decided to call it quits. The only show they presented with Al Reid of Greenville, S. C., and Cosby Linson of Texas in the feature bout, proved to be a financial flop. The excessive taxes and lack of local talent, makes professional promotion in these parts a hazardous venture.

Lonnie "Bulldog" Rutherford, 154, of Roanoke, Va., used Russ Baxter, 160, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a punching bag in winning a decisive ten round decision in the feature bout of the Magic City Athletic Club presentation in Roanoke. The 6 round semi, with Lou Yonkers, 112, of Roanoke, winning his 4th victory over Don Smith, 117, Cheyenne, Wyoming, stole the show.

Dave "Palooka" Saunders, 210, Roanoke, knocked out Joe McHorne, 178, of Mt. Airy, N. C., in 1.

Plans are being made to present a gala boxing show to the fans by the local Shriners. Yours truly will handle the matchmaking role, if the original plans are carried out. Nearby boxers and managers contact me, if interested.

The Magic City Athletic Club of Roanoke presented a benefit show for Stanley A. Roth, a one-armed, deaf mute. Promoter Bunk Sweeney reported the club stood to lose $367.74. The feature bout presented in a rematch, Lou Bass of Norfolk, 160, and Bulldog Rutherford of Roanoke, 157. After 10 rounds of back-alley fighting, the official decision was a draw. Gene Hardison, 147, of Norfolk, kayoed Tommy McFarland, 149, of Huntington, W. Va., in 1:30 of the 1st.

Allen Elkins, 130, of Roanoke, won a 4 round decision over Wallace LaRue, 130, of Roanoke.

Killer Ryan, 135, of Charlotte, N. C., TKOed Sammy Pinkard, 138, of Roanoke, in the 2nd round.

Lloyd Beane, 157, of Roanoke, decisioned Al Wright, 160, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Interested persons seeking information regarding Virginia's boxing, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to your writer. My address is: 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE lone show of the past month was headed by Lee Savold and Pete Louthis. It was all Savold, finally winding up in a K.O. for the latter after four rounds.

In the semi-final, scheduled for 8, Ronnie Delaney kayoed veteran Johnny Chapman of Buffalo, N. Y., in 2. Chapman took an unmerciful beating, being down repeatedly, but he was game to the core and made a fight of it. In the main prelim Leo Kelly, Pittsburgh, and Joey Salcone, of Warren, Ohio, repeated a great performance of three weeks ago by again staging a brilliant duel with Salcone the winner. Salcone had a weight advantage as well as experience and edged out a well deserved decision. Big Ray White, trying a comeback after a long lay-off, proved to the fans and himself he could not do it. Four years in the Marines and two years out of the game shelved White. Ronci, Italian prospect from Youngstown, turned the trick in the first round. To White's credit he was so convinced himself that he sold every bit of his fighting togs before leaving the dressing room. Eddie Bell, of Canton, won over Jack Wright of Cleveland in the other five.

Leo Kelly, featherweight, has made a hit here, having boxed on four of the last five cards.

Kelly is trained by the veteran "Duke" O'Hara of McKeesport who has turned out some great fighters.

Over at nearby Warren, Ohio, Jack Thompson, popular manager and promoter, expects to open up with an outdoor spot for this summer. All managers are requested to send the list of fighters to Jack in care of the Central Fire Department. Jack will have some good local drawing cards in Salcone, Sanders, and Harvey as well as a couple great amateurs of his soon to turn pro.

Joe Basco, Barberton's hustling manager, is coming up with Jackie Soloman of South Africa, hailed as a real prospect, who will have arrived here by the time this reaches press. From clippings the writer has read on Soloman he must be another Jackie Berg.

Ronnie Delaney, crack local welter, has run his string of K.O's to 12 since turning pro. A great prospect if they don't rush him too fast as they have many other local boys.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIAN welterweight champion, Tommy Burns, 148¼, was not troubled by American Negro, Bobby Maloney, 150, whom he knocked out in three rounds at Sydney Stadium. The only disability suffered by Burns was that he injured his hands on Maloney's head and will be out for a couple of months from the game. Burns's two-fisted attack to the Negro's solar plexus, made Maloney wide open to Burns' head attack in the third and second time down, Maloney failed to beat the count.

Former well-known Australian boxer, Jack Carroll, now a manager of boxers in Melbourne, saw one of his boys in a notable victory when Bobby Lawson, 154, outpointed Jackie Daniels, 152, over 12 rounds in Melbourne.

In a hard punching, never-say-die 12 rounder at Leichhardt (Sydney), Rex Murphy, 154, outpointed Joe Upton, 157. Murphy's cleaner punching took him well ahead in the points, but Upton made it a real crowd-pleaser by taking the fight to Murphy throughout.

Mickey Hill, 116¼, knocked out Laurie Budd, 116¼, in 12 rounds in Brisbane, Budd claiming afterwards that he had hit the back of his head on the floor when Hill knocked him down with a left hook. Things were pretty even up to the knockout.

Lightweight champion of the Commonwealth, Vic Patrick, 135, knocked out southpaw contender Roy Treasure, 133½, in the final stanza of a 12 round non-title bout in Sydney. The fight caused a controversy among fight fans, some whom criticized the referee, Joe Wallis, for not saving Treasure from excessive punishment. Others complained that Patrick had taken toll of Treasure with illegal punches when Treasure was lolling helplessly on the ropes in the 11th round. It was the first time that Patrick left the ring to the accompaniment of mingled howls and cheers since he started his boxing career in Sydney early in the last war. The fight ended sensationally three seconds before the bout was due to end, the referee crowning Patrick as Treasure fell to the floor. Sydney Stadium was packed by 14,000 fans for this fight.

In Melbourne, Mickey Tollis, 145¼, took a points decision from American Benny Evans, 146½, in a 12 round bout, after which Evans complained that there had been advice given to Tollis by the referee, Bud Jennings, during the bout. This the referee denied.

Other 12 round matches: Sydney (Leichhardt), Bernie Hall, 136, outpointed Bernie Williams, 136. Newcastle, George Sands, 143, knocked out Harold McKinnon, 149.

Jack Twist, 169½, won a disputed points decision from Doug Brown, 171¼, over 12 rounds in Melbourne. Twist, down twice in the last round from rights, was saved by the bell and got the points decision. Brown was unlucky to lose. His hope of a light-heavyweight title fight with Dave Sands has been temporarily thwarted.

Filipino Little Paras, 119, outpointed George Kennedy over 12 rounds in Brisbane and made himself highly popular in so doing. He had Kennedy all-in in the last round but allowed the Australian to see out the distance.

Other 12 round matches: Leichhardt (Sydney), Jackie Wilson, 131, decisioned Frank Donnelly, 136. Newcastle, Jackie Wilson, 132, decisioned George Kapeen, 130. Sydney, Bernie Grant, 124, stopped Bernie Dunn, 125, in the ninth round; Billy Williams, 123, outpointed Johnny Davis, 123.

Wrestling matches at Brisbane: Danny Dusek beat Jack Claybourne. Newcastle, Jack Claybourne drew with Bill Kuusisto. Sydney: Danny Dusek beat Bill Kuusisto. Leichhardt: Bill Kuusisto drew with Gino Vagnone. Adelaide: Bonnie Muir beat Marvin Jones.

Wrestling matches at Newcastle: Danny Dusek beat Babe Smolinski. Melbourne: Red Vagnone, 231, beat Marvin Jones, 238. Sydney: Jack Claybourne beat Danny Dusek. Melbourne: Bill Kuusisto beat Babe Smolinski.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY
By AL GREENBERG

BEFORE a crowd of over 2,500 fans, Manitoba Boxing Champs were crowned at the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium. The championships were sponsored by the Winnipeg City Police and the following emerged as title-holders:

Heavyweight—Jim Miller
Light-Heavy—Ed Zastre
Middleweight—Chick Livingstone
Welterweight—Hector Pratt
Lightweight—Corky Corrigan
Featherweight—Doddie Sinclair
Bantamweight—Len Hamil
Flyweight—Ronnie White

Immediately after the match, Ed Zastre, Chick Livingstone and Doddie Sinclair were chosen to represent Manitoba in the Dominion Championships in Montreal. Franky White also made the trip, being sponsored by Steve Kozak, local wrestler.

Eddy Hadad and Ed Zastre, two Winnipeg boys, copped Dominion titles in the National Finals held in Montreal. Hadad won the lightweight title while Zastre brought home the light-heavy crown.

Jumping Jackie Turner, Vancouver bantam, now working out of Winnipeg, journeyed up to Minneapolis where he decisioned Franky Riviera in eight, then flew up to Denver where he won seven out of ten rounds, but still lost a home-town decision to Val Alvarado. Alvarado was down in the fourth round. From there Turner stopped back in Minneapolis and scored a unanimous decision over Benny Cousins, California bantam.

Jolting Johnny Roberts, Western Canada Welter Champ, travelled up to Roblin, Manitoba, where he fought an exhibition on a card there sponsored by the Roblin Community club.

Alex Turk, Winnipeg fight promoter, has shelved plans of reviving the fistic game here till the fall.

Cy Steele plans on bringing his Honolulu featherweight Ray Powell, west for the summer months.

All unattached club fighters desiring work, contact this writer at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

ACTIVITY in the state was practically void, as it is each year between the indoor and outdoor seasons. At the beginning and ending of summer only a few of the promoters will venture to run as it is too warm to run inside and too cold to stage outdoor shows. Promoter Ben Esposito of New London takes the spotlight as being the busiest promoter of the month with three shows. Jimmy (Gaspipe) Vaccola treated the Park City fans to a heavyweight number staged at the Armory there. Pete Montesi, popular Danbury impresario, promoted his final indoor show before a disappointingly small crowd.

Danbury Armory—Ace Red Arrow, 164, Oklahoma City, had to be content with a decision over Archie Skinner, 161, New York, in their six-rounder. The Indian belted Skinner to the canvas at the end of the first round but the bell intervened. Skinner then managed to stand up under the terrific belts delivered to his head and body for the remaining five rounds. It was not an entirely one-sided bout as Skinner managed to land a few solid punches of his own. Eddie Moore of Bridgeport was the referee. The bout which was witnessed by a crowd of 566 headed a card made up of six three-round semi-pro bouts.

Bridgeport Armory—Bernie Reynolds, 181, Fairfield, punched out a close hard-fought decision over Eddie Blunt, 217, New York Negro. Reynolds started fast taking the first four rounds by nailing Blunt with left hooks and right crosses on numerous occasions. The fifth round was even and Blunt came on to win the sixth and seventh with a ponderous left jab, which bothered Reynolds. Reynolds finished fast as he rocked Blunt several times with left hooks and right crosses. Referee Lou Bogash of Bridgeport gave Bernie five rounds, Blunt two and called one even. He scored the fight 38 to 35.

Herman Badger, 172, New Haven, decisioned Henry Holly, 175, New York, in a listless six-round bout. Badger did the cleaner punching to take the duke. Georgie Fuller, 188, Norwalk, won an easy six-round decision over Lee Hunt, 181, New Haven. Mickey Russo, 144, Danbury, took the decision after four easy rounds with Art Garcia, 142, New Haven. In the opener, Rockey Priore, 122, Meriden, knocked out Lou Mola, 125, Norwalk, after coming off the floor twice himself. The end came in the second round.

New London—Ocean Beach Auditorium: Pat Vendrillo, 158, Manchester, stopped Lenny Trader, 154½, New Haven, in the fifth round of the feature eight-rounder. Vendrillo, who had been the aggressor and ahead on points, had scored knockdowns in the second and fifth before Referee Hughie Devlin intervened. In the fifth round, Trader went down from a series of lefts and rights. He was able to climb back to his feet after a nine-count but Devlin wisely ruled him out.

Frank Cotoia, 204½, Olneyville, R. I., scored a knockout over Dick Schreck, 194½, New Haven, in the second round of the six-round semi-final. Schreck, who was in over his head, was dropped at the close of the first round, belted around the ring in the second before being spilled for the count. The remainder of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts.

A crowd of 761 paid a gross gate of $1,152.50.

New London—Ocean Beach Auditorium: Eddie Compo, 127, New Haven, hardly had a workout at the expense of Jose Colon Garcia, 124½, Puerto Rico, who folded up in the second round after sampling a couple of left hooks. Compo took his time in the first round as he sized up the situation. A left hook to the jaw dropped Garcia at the start of the second round, and a second left hook floored him again, this time for the full count tolled by Referee Billy Taylor of Hartford.

Danny Falcone, 118, Manchester, outboxed Nick DeVanno, 124, Norwich, to win the six-round semi-final. Henry Polowitzer, 140, East Hartford, had to rally and score a knockdown to earn a draw with Jack Armstrong, 140, Manchester, in their six-rounder. The remainder of the card was made up of four three-round semi-pro bouts.

A crowd of 442 paid a gross gate of $831.75.

Here and There Around the State—Ben Esposito, New London promoter, is planning on matching Pat Vendrillo with Tony Janiro in a show to be held outdoors. Vic Cardell is joining the ranks of the benedicts in June. Eddie Compo, sensational New Haven featherweight, moved into the first ten by virtue of his wins over Phil Terranova, Jock Leslie, and Tom Collins. The proposed Willie Pep-Compo title bout for New Haven looks promising. Bobby Arnold, Stamford middleweight, looms as another bright prospect. Since turning pro Arnold has kayoed five straight opponents. He is a University of Connecticut student and a veteran of World War II. Johnny Datro is finding it difficult getting opponents for David Seabrook, Jacksonville Negro lightweight, he is handling. Seabrook throws a lot of leather but is a light puncher. Miguel Acevedo is back in Hartford along with Wilfredo Miro, lanky Cuban lightweight. Acevedo will figure in the outdoor picture as he is a very popular performer. Georgie Dunn, clever Hartford Negro lightweight, will remain idle until his managerial situation becomes untangled. Nick DeVanno, popular Norwich featherweight, has a large following which buys blocks of tickets at the New London shows, whenever he appears.

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COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

AT Havana's New Stadium: The Cuban heavyweight champion, Omelio Agramonte, 183, scored an easy ten-round verdict over Ted "Tiger" Lowry, U.S.A., Negro, 177.

Agramonte scored a no-count knockdown in the fourth, and clinched the unanimous verdict in the tenth when he scored a nine-count knockdown. Lowry was saved by the bell in this frame.

Luis Fuentes, the Cuban flyweight champion, successfully defended his crown by badly trouncing the former champion, Tomas Vega, in ten rounds. Fuentes, who fights like a windmill, won practically every round. From the fifth on, Vega was bleeding from his right eye. The champion came in at 111, Vega half a pound less.

Lino Garcia, 127, scored a win over Orlando Fernandez, 121½, in ten rounds. Lino always knew he was in a fight, as Fernandez had Lino in real trouble in the last two rounds.

The Special Bout: One of Cuba's most promising and impressive little fighters, 17-years-old Amado Mir, scored his best win to date when he decisively beat Angel (Pigua) Sanchez, in six rounds Mir, who weighed 112¾, won every round. Sanchez came in at 113 pounds.

Martin Alfonso, 107, scored an easy decision over Baby Pijuan, 109.

Romilio Andrial, 101½, scored a TKO in the fourth over Raoul Hernandez, 103.

In the curtain-raiser, Carlos Valdes, 119, whipped Arnaldo Quinones, 121 pounds. (All 4-rounders).

FACTS AND RUMORS: The Cuban promoters dropped the idea of bringing Dado Marino to fight our sensational Luis Galvani, Cuban bantamweight champion, when the Filipino lost to Cecil Schoonmaker in California recently. Galvani knocked out Schoonmaker in nine rounds, after giving him a bad shellacing some months ago. Instead, they are trying to get Manny Ortega or David Kui Kong Young for Galvani.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuban featherweight champion, has signed to fight Willie Pep June 17 in Hartford, Conn.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

BUDDY SCOTT, veteran Jacksonville heavyweight boxer, seems to be on the right track of the come-back road and has posted two impressive wins before home town fans since losing out to Tommy Gomez last year. Scott's victims were Hal Moore, a Georgia giant, and Big Bill Wilson, of North Carolina. Moore was knocked out in the fourth, while Wilson lost a ten-round decision.

Jimmy Curl, a Homestead, Florida, middleweight adopted by Houston, Texas, made his Miami appearance before a good-sized crowd and scored with a one-round knockout over Russ Baxter. It was regarded as a mis-match, and one bout on the whole card proved the only worthy one. It was a four-rounder between Snooks Howard and Jimmy Powers. This lightweight scrap went to Howard.

Another one-round kayo resulted in Bobby Dykes stopping Ray Hake in the first. They are welters.

In another mis-match, Roy Evans, 165, used the Morse telegraphic code to warn Buddy Webster, 171, what punch to expect and that's how Webster lasted four rounds with Roy. Evans won. (An erroneous report came out that Curl kayoed Dykes, but this isn't so. The two didn't meet on the above night.)

CORAL GABLES—Ernie Pelaia, Beaver Falls, Pa., welterweight, earned a nine-round T.K.O. over a game Danny Ruggiero in the feature here. Pelaia fought at a fast clip and had the New Yorker reeling at times from right hand clouts. This mode, and that Ruggiero was bleeding, caused the scrap to be brought to an end. Antonio La Melas, Cuban feather, kayoed Jackie Patton, of Suplee, Pa., a 116¾-pounder, in the third. Knute Baker, 140, beat Jake Smith, 138¾, Miami, in six. Snooks Howard, 137, kayoed Jimmy Matthews, 140, in two. Larry Rosenfeld, 153¼, kayoed Walter Clewis, 147, in two, and Billy Brooks, 170¾, stopped Roy Bru, 161½, in the second.

ORLANDO—Johnny Black and Ralph Hughes, a light-heavyweight pair, traveled ten rounds with Black winning the decision. In the semi, Richard Bradwell stopped Oscar Neil in the fifth.

ORLANDO—Johnny Black again headed the main event and came through with a victory. He T.K.O.'ed Raul Moran, of Cuba and Tampa, in the eighth round. The winner is from Fargo, N. D., and Jacksonville. In the semi-six, Joe Legon II beat Gregorio Perez in a lightweight match.

Tom Eady, Savannah boxing manager, has a good stable of fighters he intends to keep busy around that vicinity: Lou Atterbury, 160; Al Young, 150; Hal McCaskell, 145; Jack Lisle, 140. He has two Negro boxers in Willie Wilkins, 160; and Willie Linah (or Liner), 138. Eady returned from a Roanoke trip where Atterbury lost to Eddie Miller in the main event. Lisle lost to Roy Wirt in the semi. Wilkins lost to Jesse Baker in a Negro bout. Al Young was the only winning fighter. He kayoed Jesse James in the second round.

Jack White, referred to as the most successful boxing promoter in Pittsburgh in years by Sports Editor Harry Keck, lets this column know of the pugilistic prominence gained by Lee Sala, of nearby Donora, a fine middleweight prospect, now among the ten rated men by THE RING. Promoter White wants to keep Florida fans, in particular those of Tampa, advised of Sala's headway since this lad achieved his rise in Tampa mainly. Lee had 34 straight wins, no losses while Pete Andrews handled him. This humble writer believes Lee Sala is the best fistic product to come out of the service in the past war, even topping Laverne Roach.

MIAMI—The promising Jimmy Curl scored another knockout, his second in as many headline starts in Miami. This time, Roy Evans, of Tampa, was the victim, and for the first time in his career, Evans heard the ten-count tolled over himself. The pay-off punch was a Bob Fitzsimmons solar plexus blow. Both are middleweights. In the semi-eight-rounder, Forest "Fist" Devers, 150, got up from the canvas in the first round to win over another promising youngster, Bobby Dykes, 145¾, in their tangle. Jake Smith got even with Snooks Howard by reversing a six-round decision. Both tipped 137½ apiece. Larry Rosenfeld, 154¾, drew in four with Larry Lynn, 151½, of Tampa. Jimmy Powers won a T.K.O. over Bob Stull in the first round of their lightweight match.

Tab middleweight, Jimmy Curl as one of the finest youngsters coming up in the game. With 14 straight victories, Curl anchored 11 by knockouts. He is a good puncher. With stablemate Bobby Dykes, a welterweight, both have made neat impressions in Miami's boxing colony.

MIAMI—Danny Ruggiero, New York, welterweight, won a four-round T.K.O. over Rene Cantero, of Tampa, in the headline affair. A good welterweight pairing found Jack Boderone, of Brazil, and Billy Decker, of Hartford, travelling to a ten-round draw. Auggie Yarratt, Louisville featherweight, won a six-round T.K.O. over Benny Rubin. Ralph Hughes, 171, from Tampa, was a two-round T.K.O. winner over Dom Scaccio, 162.

The best known fight stable in Miami is that of Jerry White. Most of the outstanding mittmen are under his wing: Oswaldo Silva, Chico Pacheco, Jack Boderone, Jesus LaMela, Billy Spangler, Auggie Yarratt, and Jake Smith.

JACKSONVILLE—Buddy Scott made his first appearance before home towners in quite some time when he squared off with Hal Moore, of Griffin, Ga. Moore, much taller and heavier, gave Buddy anxious moments for three rounds and was ahead until the Jacksonville veteran heavyweight spilled him with a looping overhand right to the head. Moore hit the deck with a thud and blood streamed from his nose when his face and the canvas met. There was a fifty pound pull in weight favoring Moore, who was also four inches taller.

In the semi, Johnny Carroll, local welter boxer, decisioned Johnny Mango, 145, in a four-rounder. Johnny Walker, 140, beat Walter Alvarez, 140, in four. James Carruthers, 144, drew in four with Buddy Rainey, 135. Jack Mullis, 134, stopped Joe Arnett, 135, in the second. Billy Mullis, 124, drew in four with George Mreczkowski, 120.

MIAMI—Billy Spangler, of Shelby, N. C., and Danny Ruggiero of the Bronx, brawled back-alley fashion for ten rounds before a gathering of 1200. The triumphant battler at the end was Spangler who fought his first main event in Miami that night. Ruggiero started the fight at the bell and took the lead until the fifth when Billy caught on to his foe's style. It was a great battle. In the preliminary tilts, Angel Chavez, 152, knocked out Snag Thomas, 158½, in the second. Fist Devers, 154½, T.K.O.'ed Larry Lynn in the third. Don Scaccio beat Bob Yousso in a light-heavy four.

Miami Boxing Commission Secretary Billy Regan, who is instrumental in sending Miami results for publication in our column, informed us that Snag Thomas, who was knocked out cold by Angel Chavez, should not be allowed to box for a period of six weeks. It's Reagan's recommendation to save the Tampa boy from any serious injury.

GASTONIA, N. C.—A long delayed result finds its way in. A middleweight who looks to be okay, Jimmy Hughes, of Charlotte, N. C., kayoed Buster Carroll, formerly of New England, but now of Jacksonville in the fourth heat.

This column, as well as our Jacksonville Journal, also Station WOBS boxing commentators are thankful to our friend Chickie Bogad, Madison Square Garden matchmaker, for his generous assistance in helping our fight programs go a long way. We know Tampa fight fans, who regard Lee Sala a fine product since he had just about all his 34 straight wins under their eyes, will be glad to hear that Matchmaker Bogad has Sala in mind for future Garden appearances.

GASTONIA, N. C.—Jimmy Hughes, of Charlotte, not to be confused with Ralph Hughes, of Tampa, was the under-dog in his fight with Eddie Steele, of Macon, Ga., but surprised everyone by belting out the Georgia boy in three. Hughes, at 153, and Steele, 159, opened up fast and furious and during an exchange, Steele hit the deck for a nine count. Failing to follow up his advantage, Hughes found himself in the same spot the next round. The fatal third saw Steele go after Hughes with intentions of putting the fight to an early end. But Jimmy stood his ground and as Eddie got in distance, the Charlotte boy let fly with a murderous left that caught the Maconite just right. Steele went down and out. Ted McFalls, 124, and Gene Carlisle, 131, went six rounds even.

Early Hamilton, 145, beat Freddie Masters, 148, in eight. Georgie Parks, 183, former ranking heavyweight, kayoed Kid Otis, 185, in two. Al Cook, 150, holding a 19-pound weight advantage, kayoed Homer Welch, 131, in the second round.

JACKSONVILLE—A double main event was fought here between the two same boys only a few minutes apart for another ring oddity. The participants were Hal Meredith, of Macon, and Joey Dunne, of Jacksonville. Meredith, in the second round of the first fight, scored with a right to Joey's eye for a knockdown. Dunne, claiming he couldn't hear the count of Referee J. P. Stanley, likewise asserted that he followed his second's count by the latter's fingers. It seemed, while the second had "nine", the referee said "ten" and that was the end of fight number one.

The fans arose in protest, none leaving their seats. It wasn't the count, but the manner Dunne took the knockout on his knee, and this looked bad to them. Promoter Jimmy Murdock was quick to sense the situation and without asking the city boxing commission, asked Meredith if he would get into the ring again. Dunne did not leave the ring and he was ready to resume the fight. The promoter made terms with Meredith, who was to receive extra compensation, and this, plus his willingness to help the game and the promoter, found the Georgian once more climbing through the ropes. This writer scored the second scrap in Meredith's favor, but it was called a draw in 8 rounds.

In other results, Johnny Carroll, local welter, beat the lighter Joey Wasnick in four. Walter Alvarez won over Johnny Walker in a welter dish. Tommy Peavy kayoed Sonny Yates in two. Al Hayes and Tommy Thompson drew in four. Wade Nolan stopped James Carruthers in two.

MIAMI—In a close ten round scrap, Chico Pacheco, Havana welter defeated Billy Spangler, 150, of North Carolina, in the feature bout. Fist Dever, of Grand Rapids, Mich., put on a good fight with Angel Chavez, of California, to win an eight round decision. The winner weighed 151½, and the loser scaled 150. Jake Smith, 139, TKOed Jimmy Powers, 131½, in the fourth. Paul Alvay, 164½, won a first round TKO over Bill Brooks, 170½. In another four, Curly Westgate, 124½, decisioned Jackie Patton, 115½.

Mid-South Army Air Force boxing champions were crowned in the Tampa Armory. Here are the winners: Pfc. Pee Wee Burgess, flyweight, McDill Field; Pvt. Clarence W. Jordon, Greenville Air Force, the bantamweight champ; Pfc. Joseph A. Nestor, featherweight champ, of the Greenville Air Force; Pvt. Willie Orange, a full-blooded Indian from McDill Field, who won the lightweight title; Pvt. Rubio Sabino, the welterweight holder, a McDill Field boxer; Pvt. Robert Carrigan, middleweight from Eglin Field; Pfc. Willie Rodgers, light-heavyweight from Keesler Field; and Pfc. Mario A. Buzzotta, of Keesler Field, the heavyweight champion.

JACKSONVILLE—Ralph Hughes, Tampa light-heavyweight, scored a TKO over Jack Brazil in the eighth round after flooring him a half-dozen times. Brazil claimed a broken eardrum. Maxie Coleman won a four round decision over Joey Wasnick in the semi-spot. Jimmy Maddox TKOed Tommy Peavy. Wade Nolan drew with Walter Alvarez. Jackie Mullis beat Jimmy Salda. Lamar Tate beat George Mreczkowski, four rounders.

Les Krell, well known boxing manager of Jock Leslie, was in Jacksonville and worked with Buddy Scott in the latter's win over Big Bill Wilson. Krell likes the looks of local Johnny Carroll, a welterweight.

JACKSONVILLE—In the main event of ten rounds Buddy Scott and Big Bill Wilson tied up in one of the most interesting matches seen here and a particularly fast one for heavyweights. Scott, outweighed, gained a close but unanimous decision. This scrap had the fans on edge all the way.

In the semi, Johnny Carroll again came through over the lighter Joey Wasnick, taking a four rounder. In other bouts, Lamar Tate beat George Mreczkowski. Billy Mullis beat Tim Higginbotham. Jack Mullis and Calvin Thomas starred in a double knockdown, with Jack winning the nod. Walter Alvarez won from Johnny Walker. All fours.

Gene Cummins, a Miami fight manager, was in Jacksonville on a visit and our question is answered that Charley Elliott and Bobby Elliott is only one.

Johnny "Jit" Jackson, a New Jerseyite who helped train fighters in the Jacksonville Naval Air Station several years ago, is doing swell work in California with the amateurs.

CORAL GABLES—Auggie Yarratt, of Louisville, evened the score with Antonio Le Melas, of Havana, by taking an eight round decision over his opponent in a bitterly fought contest. Le Melas showered Auggie in the last two rounds but the winner enjoyed an earlier start to keep the advantage. Auggie weighed 121½, and Antonio, 123.

The semi-eight-rounder between welters, found Billy Decker, of Hartford, winning over Gene Smith, of Youngstown, Ohio. Floyd Shiflett, 130½, Rome, Ga., mixer, beat Gregorio Perez, 134½, in the six rounder. Benny Rubin, Miami feather, stopped Eddie Reynolds, 119½, in the first round. Roy Starr, 156½, Texas, finished Larry Crawford, 148, Tampa, in the second round.

A good prospect looms in O'Neill Shannon, a Negro middleweight-light-heavyweight out of Newport News, Va.

Promoters and publicity men in Dixie with news and results of their boxing shows and fighters are requested to send in their reports to this column for publication. Address Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida; Phone 4-4526. Fighters unattached can do well by writing here also.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

AL "RED" PRIEST, Ralph Zannelli, and other topnotch New England fighters, plan to take it easy until the Fall season begins. The Ripper, however, traveled to New Orleans and lost a very disputed decision to Bert Linam and a rematch is in the making. Timothy "Buddy" Hayes will meet World King Willie Pep in a Hartford ball park if present plans go through. "Red" Perkins of Manchester, N. H., has come into his own in the preliminary ranks, winning his last seven bouts, five by kayo, in Holyoke and vicinity. Mark Devitt, former mentor of New England champion "Italian" Jack Dempsey, has opened a gym in New Bedford.

Worcester—Stopping the Auditorium winning streak of Montreal's Tony Ducharme, Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, New England featherweight champ, notched an easy ten-round victory before a good gathering. Ducharme tipped the beam at 133, while the Boston Irishman came in at 131.

Billy Smith, 148, Medford, Mass., decisioned Sammy Walker, 151, Springfield, in the six-round semi-final. A second six saw Vic Haler, 122, Springfield, grab the duke over Ray Dulmaine, 126½, Millbury, Mass.

Fall River—A double eight-round attraction featured the Casino card with Andy Bishop and Barry Wood emerging victorious. Bishop, 127, Border City hopeful, outpointed veteran Lloyd Hudson, 128, Bath, Me., and Wood, 134½, Worcester, kayoed Bobby Pooler, 138, Portland, Me., in two. Ceferino Bronco, 151, Fall River, defeated Tiger Flowers, 150, Worcester, in six.

Salem—In possibly the greatest battle on the North Shore this year, Tommy Greb, 137, Boston, ex New England lightweight king, was stopped in seven rounds by "Buddy" Hayes, 130, also of Boston, in the seventh round at the North Street Arena. Hayes has a fighting heart and he showed his courage in this battle, coming back from almost a sure kayo to render his southpaw foe helpless. "Buddy" was down twice in the fifth, once out of the ring from vicious Greb belts, but came back to have Tommy hanging on for dear life in the sixth canto. Greb was in bad shape in the seventh and when he suffered a cut eye, the referee decided that was all.

Heyward Warnum, 155, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Sauer, 152, Cambridge, Mass., in three. Timothy King, 134, Quincy, stopped Billy Simmons, 133, Boston, in two, and Walter Souza, 135, Cambridge, Mass., kayoed Billy Farmer, 136, Boston, in the first.

Bangor, Me.—Former world champion from Beacon, N. Y., Melio Bettina, 202, making his first start in his comeback since losing to Gus Lesnevich in the Garden, annexed a five-round technical kayo over trial horse Jackie Fisher, 212, of Augusta, Me., at the City Hall.

Worcester—Trailing in the preceding rounds, Don Williams, 143, Worcester's fair-haired boy, T.K.O.'ed Jackie Lovatt, 145, Providence, R. I., in the seventh round when the Rhode Island prospect suffered a bad cut over his right eye. Up to then, Lovatt held the advantage because of his superior boxing ability.

In the preliminaries, Billy Smith, 148, Medford, Mass., stopped Frankie Lemaire, 146, Providence, R. I., in two; Sammy Walker, 150, Springfield, defeated Dick Shea, 151, Worcester, in three.

Fall River—Connecting with a terrific right-hand punch just as the bell rang ending the second round, Roy Andrews, 138, Lowell, registered a three-round T.K.O. over Frankie Duane, 134, Newark, N. J., at the Casino, when the Skeeter State lightweight failed to come out for the third canto.

In the six-round semi-final, Ceferino Bronco, 151, Fall River, outpointed Tom Ryles, 157, Newark, N. J., via unanimous decision.

Worcester—Johnny Potenti, 152, Worcester, and Ike Stevenson, 151, Framingham, Mass., provided a pier-sixer at Mechanics Hall with the Grafton Hill Italian gaining the unanimous decision at the end of ten.

Bobby Duquette, 133, Brockton, Mass., iced Joe Palaza, 132, Roxbury, in three, and Joey Gray, 140, Charlestown, Mass., decisioned Lou Paul, 141, Boston, in six. Mario Rucci, 135, Worcester, knocked out Frankie Martin, 129, Plymouth, Mass., in two.

Lewiston, Me.—Having his opponent on the verge of a kayo, Hermie Freeman, 135, Bangor, Me., easily defeated Oliver Desmarais, 136, Manchester, N. H., in ten, at the City Hall.

Salem—Making his main bout debut, Pat Shannon, 139, Everett, Mass., knocked out veteran Bobby English, 134, Fall River, in the fourth at the North Street Arena. A pile-driving right hand did the trick. Bobby Quinn, 180, Dorchester, Mass., outpointed Freddie Pratt, 172, Providence, R. I., in the six-round semi-final to remain in the unbeaten class. Timothy King, 134, Quincy, kayoed Walter Souza, 135, Cambridge, in the first session.

Portland, Me.—Erasing any doubt of who is the better man, Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 131, Boston, scored an overwhelming 10-round victory over Jean Richard, 128, Montreal, in the third meeting between the two at the Exposition Building. In their previous bouts, Hayes won a decision and was held to a draw.

Burlington, Vt.—For the second consecutive time out, Bill Daley, 156, Brookline, Mass., schoolboy, was defeated after going through 16 straight fights. Freddie Price, 161, Irish import, posted a second-round T.K.O. verdict at the Auditorium. A cut eye was the reason for ending the battle.

Fall River—Bolo Joe Blackwood, 160, Paterson, N. J., pounded Johnny Walker, 167, Philadelphia, all over the ring at the Casino to win the 10-round decision. It was a return bout and the second triumph in a row for Blackwood.

Isaac Thomas, 128, Bangor, Me., outpointed Andy Bishop, 127, Fall River, in an eight-round semi-final. Larry Villeneuve, 151, Providence, R. I., and Tony Marno, 154, Newark, N. J., went six rounds to a draw.

Worcester—Tony Ducharme, 137, Montreal, and Young Junior, 136, Springfield, battled to an interesting draw in eight rounds at the Auditorium.

In another scheduled eight, Johnny Melko, 198, Worcester, stopped Bob Jones, 176, Pelham, N. Y., in one.

Worcester—Smart, two-fisted George Bradford Smith, 138, Haverstraw, N. Y., made a terrific impression on the fans with a three-round T.K.O. over Tommy "Red" Wells, 135, Manchester, N. H., at Mechanics Hall. Smith was in complete charge all the way.

Bobby Duquette, 133, Brockton, Mass., undefeated in Worcester rings, outpointed Lou Bell, 134, Lowell, in the semi-final six, and in another six, Lou Paul, 141, Boston, decisioned Young Leo, 144, Lowell.

Lewiston, Me.—Pine Tree State fans had an opportunity to watch former World Featherweight Champion Phil Terranova, 130, in action at the City Hall, and the New Yorker obliged by kayoing Cliff Griffin, 132, Philadelphia, in three. Terranova weighed 130 and displayed some of his old-time form against his outclassed foe. Willie Leo, 130, Portland, Me., edged out Lloyd Hudson, 130, Bath, Me., in the six-round semi-final.

Salem—George Hill, 156, Everett, Mass., battered Jimmy "Dixie" Lee, 162, Chicago, into oblivion in ten rounds at the North Street Arena when the third man in the ring stopped the contest because of a cut eye, seconds before the final bell. Hill, however, was in the lead from the start.

Frankie Lemaire, 142, Providence, R. I., stopped Carter Holmes, 141, Boston, in the fifth of the semi-final.

Fall River—Even though he was the harder puncher, Pedro Ortega, 142, New Haven, Conn., lost a 10-round decision to fast-punching Roy Andrews, 138, Lowell, in the main bout at the Casino. Ceferino Bronco, 151, Fall River, who continues to win despite his age, defeated Johnny Luz, 151, New Bedford, in the six-round semi-final.

Worcester—Vic Haler, 120, Springfield, knocked down for a seven count in the seventh round, came up to win an eight-round decision over Calvin Leigh, 114, Rochester, N. Y., at the Auditorium.

Richie Dallas, 161, New York, surprised the fans and Dick Callahan, 158, Boston, by stopping the Hub Irishman in the first round of a scheduled co-featured eight. Billy Smith, 148, Medford, Mass., and Sammy Walker, 146, Springfield, went to a draw in another eight.

Worcester—In a return bout, Johnny Potenti, 151, Worcester, copped his fifth straight triumph in his comeback campaign with an easy 10-round win over Ike Stevenson, 151, Framingham, Mass., at Mechanics Hall before a large crowd.

Mario Rucci, winner of six straight, stopped Joey Grey, 138, Charlestown, Mass., in two, and Lou Paul, 141, Boston, kayoed Chris Gremo, 142, Worcester, in five.

Athol, Mass.—Edgar Gallant, 129, Gardner, Mass., a favorite here, outpointed Willie Leo, 130, of Portland, Me., in the main bout of eight rounds at the Auditorium. Gordon Ifall, 156, Boston, knocked out Bobby Mack, 159, Keene, N. H., in six.

Bangor, Me.—In nothing more than a gym workout, Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 130, Boston, knocked out Johnny O'Keefe, 126, Lowell, Mass., in two rounds. How O'Keefe, who is nothing more than a four-round fighter, was given a main bout is something the Maine Boxing Commission should look into. It's things like this that ruin the fistic sport.

Salem—Pat Shannon, 138, Everett, Mass., gave Ticky Millozi, 137, Elizabeth, N. J., an artistic lacing at the North Street Arena and romped off with the 10-round duke. The veteran New Jerseyite was on the verge of a kayo in the fifth, eighth and tenth rounds.

Billy Paul, 148, Boston, kayoed Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, in two, and Joe McDonald, 139, Boston, decisioned Eddie York, 140, Boston, in his first pro bout.

Worcester—Ending Don Williams' win streak of 14 straight, George B. Smith, 138, Haverstraw, N. Y., had a very easy time defeating the popular Worcester youth as he gained a nine-round triumph at the Auditorium. Williams was getting such a going over that his manager, Harry Devine, stepped into the ring, thereby disqualifying his fighter. Williams had won only one round prior to the ending.

Sammy Walker, 145, Springfield, knocked out Kid Johnson, 146, Youngstown, Ohio, in the sixth and last round of the semi-final.

Two fast-stepping middleweight wrestlers from Quincy, Mass., Bob Fraser and Tex Brauchler, desire bookings in New England. Promoters interested can contact the writer.

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AROUND THE OREGON RINGS

By WOODY WILLIS

ROSEBURG ARMORY—Dallas Bennett, 180, Roseburg, scored a fourth round knockout over Leo Talbot, 185, Portland, in a scheduled ten round main event. Promoters were Bill Olsen and Rudy Schlotthauer.

Portland's Dick Wagner, 171, fought to an eight-round draw with Tom McKeagney, 170, Boston, Mass., on May 6 in a feature bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ontario Airport Community Hall—Joey Ortega, Vanport featherweight, K.O'ed Angelo Costa, Reno, Nevada, in round six of a scheduled ten. "Frenchie" Leavitt promoted the card.

Portland Civic Auditorium—Big Bill Peterson, former Chicago heavyweight, now fighting out of Seattle, Wash., placed his name among the select few to have defeated Oregon's Joe Kahut by taking a split decision over the Woodburn boy in a gruelling 15 round Pacific Coast heavyweight championship bout. Referee Ralph Gruman and Judge Tom Louttit cast their votes in favor of Peterson, while Judge Jim Maloney, veteran heavyweight boxer, called it for Kahut. Kahut was at a decided disadvantage regarding reach and was unable to cope with Peterson's long effective jabs. The bout was one of the best seen in local parts for some time, being fought at an extremely fast clip. Peterson weighed 198 to 187 for Kahut.

In the semi-final, Jesse Hall, 183½, Los Angeles, stopped Ralph "K.O." Hooper, 188, Portland, in round six of a hectic scrap. Four round preliminary bouts ended as follows: Bill Carnegie, 188, Vanport, scored a one round K.O. over Tiger Si Jones, 184, Vanport. Portland featherweights Jimmy Gooding and Jerry Strutz fought to a draw. Ray Garcia, 152½, Portland, stopped Mickey McCoy, 150½, Prairie City, in two rounds. 2585 fans left $8967 at the gate.

Roseburg Armory—In a double main event fight card, Dean Abney, Salem welterweight, and Dick Wolf, Klamath Falls, fought an eight round draw, and Babe Fenton, Sutherlin, stopped Tony Lacetti, recent arrival to the West Coast from New York City, in the seventh round after Lacetti had been decked 13 times.

Salem Armory — Bobby Richards of Portland strengthened his claim to the Northwest featherweight boxing crown by taking a 15 round decision over Paulie Cook of Tacoma. In four-round prelims, Si Jones, 182, Portland, K.O.'ed Steve Morgan, 170, Pendleton, in one round; Rod McDowell, 145, Salem, knocked out Tony Rios, 149, Mexico, in the third round, as did Lew Ballard, 142, Boise, to Johnny Hofart, 140, Salem. Jimmy Curry, 130, Portland, and Don LaBlanche, 133, Oakland, Cal., fought to a draw.

Portland middleweight Bobby Volk dropped a 10-round decision to Georgie Duke, San Francisco, on May 28, at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Amateur boxing organizations responsible for the success of recent semi-pure fistic shows throughout the state are the Police Athletic League, Multnomah Athletic Club, Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce Boxing Club, Portland Ramblers Club, Chemawa Indian School, Vancouver Recreation Club, Oregon City Boy's Boxing Club, Vanport Boxing Club, and the newly organized Milwaukee Junior Olympics Club.

It would be appreciated by the writer if promoters in the smaller Oregon boxing localities (Tillamook, Roseburg, Ontario, etc.) would send in the results of their shows so that they may be printed.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

GOLDIE AHEARN'S Liberty Athletic Club presented their first outdoor show of the summer season to 9,178 fistic fans, in a ten rounder, with Beau Jack, 140½, and Tony Janiro, 147, starred. For two rounds it was a good fight and a close one, then on a rain-soaked canvas no one could establish a basis for a comparison of two good battlers. Janiro, the light-footed dancing master from Youngstown, was handicapped as the going was too sloppy for him to move fast enough to box, while the ever moving, hard punching Jack was unable to get set to throw his barrage of punches. Although there were no official knockdowns, the canvas was so slippery that both boys hit the deck several times. Janiro carried the first two heats with clever and cautious boxing, by blocking Jack's long range blows and scoring repeatedly to Beau's head. As the rain started in round three, Jack scored his first damage by belting a hard left hook to Tony's head, it stunned Janiro and Jack was then in command, never giving up till the bell sounded at the end of round ten and he was declared the winner.

In a six rounder, Johnny Arduini, 112½, Washington, won over Lew Yonkers, 114½, Roanoke, Va., in a sizzling bout. This evened matters for these two fighters as Yonkers had beaten Arduini in a previous bout.

Bobby Bell, 126½, Youngstown, won over Bernie Peters, 126½, Philadelphia, in a six, while Mayhew Smith, 145½ New York City, scored a five round TKO over Young Gabriel, 146, Washington, when Referee Ray Bowen stepped in to save Gabriel from too much punishment. Time of TKO 1:36 of fifth.

Gross gate for this once postponed show was $27,473.

Eight local boxers qualified for the Olympic regional trials in Philadelphia by winning their bouts in the D.C. tryouts at Griffith Stadium. The local winners are:—

112 pounds—Eugene Smith (Howard A.C.).
118 pounds—Jimmy Caraway (Olympic A.C.)
126 pounds—Pat Thomas (Apollo A.C.).
135 pounds—Jim Hawkins (12th St. Y.).
147 pounds—Leon Daughtry (Liberty A.C.).
160 pounds—Eddie Marshal (Police Boys Club No. 2).
175 pounds—Harry Cochrane (Howard University).
Heavyweight—Norvel Lee (Howard University).

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At Atlantic City, N. J., Herbie "Biff" Jones, 135, Washington, knocked out Eddie Holtz, 138, Atlantic City, in the sixth stanza. A left hook to the jaw did the trick in 1:35 of the sixth. "Nice goin' Biff."

In the Olympic Regional Boxing Trials at Philadelphia, four local lads went into the finals. They were Eugene Smith, 112; Leon Daughtry, 147; Harry Cochrane, 175; and Norvel Lee, heavy. Of this quartet only one emerged victorious, he was Norvel Lee, sensational Howard University boxer, who scored in a stunning victory which entitled him to a try at the National Olympic finals at Boston.

Mrs. Florence Turner and Gabe Menendez presented a ten round main event under balmy skies before a disappointing crowd of 4500 fans. It was a great battle but displeased many an ardent Stribling admirer.

Ken looked great in the third stanza after he lost some of his tightness. When he stood toe to toe, slugging it out with the savage Bronx boy, resulting in LaMotta giving ground, Ken put up a game battle. He was downed by a left hook to the body for an eight count and again in the third a right to the jaw floored him again, but the local battler gave no ground. Early in the fourth Stribling was forcing the battle, but the onrushing LaMotta caught up to Ken flooring him three times. Stribling recovered and came back gamely for the fifth round. After an elapsed time of 2:46 of the fifth, Referee Ray Bowen stepped in, with Stribling on the deck, and raised LaMotta's duke in victory.

LaMotta hit the scales at 164 to Stribling's 161. It was a great battle and many fans would like to see Jake back in D.C. for another bout.

In the eight rounder after the main go, Joe Kay, 129, Horwich, England, won over Jimmy Cooper, 128, Washington, in a ding dong battle. Cooper caught Kay with a right to the jaw downing the English lad for an eight count while Cooper was down for nine in the sixth. This was the turning point of the battle as Cooper faded after this round.

This makes Jimmy's 2nd loss to an opponent from another country. Previously he had lost an eight to Jose Cardenas, from Mexico. However, he still is a great little battler and will prove his worth as he matures.

In the prelims, Sam Jefferson, 162, Washington, lost to John Hansberry, 160, Washington, in a five. Three four-rounders completed the card. In one, Puggy King, 123, Washington, decisioned Bert Wicks, 123, Washington, in a fast bout. Jackie Floyd, 142½, Washington, won via the TKO route over Ken Baker, 139, Washington, in the fourth. Time was 2:31. The opener featured Angelo Marini, 152, and Holly Mims, 155½. Both boys from D.C. fought to a draw.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

SIXTY-SIX washed-up pugs were suspended by the State Boxing Board. This is only the beginning according to Tony Petronella, newly named Boxing Supervisor of Rhode Island.

George Lobris is the matchmaker for the newly formed Arena A.C. They will stage boxing during the summer at the Cranston Stadium featuring Ralph Zannelli, Ernie Forte, Joey Angelo and Ernie Guisti.

Dick McHale was elected President of the N.E. Managers Guild. Their first objective will be to secure better treatment for the prelim fighters.

Gene Farland, state middleweight champ, has recovered from a recent illness and will see action soon.

Art Smith, a local lightweight, is progressing rapidly.

Knobby King is matchmaker for the New Bedford Club, operating outdoors for the summer.

Johnny Rogers, globe-trotting manager, is booking his fighters here.

Vince Calzeratto, 195-pounder; Romeo Ouimet, 140 pounder; Irish Johnny Rowe, 144 pounder; Eddy Ross, 175 pounder; Al Evans, 160 pounder, and Jerry Connors, 126 pounder, can be booked by contacting this writer at 75 Waterman Ave., East Providence, R. I.

Results of the month:

Tony Falco, Middletown, Conn., beat Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark., in ten.

Little David Seabrook beat Bobby English in eight. Cas Sugulsky beat Ray Roberts in six. Nel Girard beat Doc Blanchard in six.

Buddy Holderfield beat Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N. J., in ten.

Jerry Mekler beat Johnny Priest in eight.

Eddie Marmo beat Cerefino Bronco in six.

Steve Marcello KO'ed Carter Holmes in two.

Art Smith KO'ed Johnny O'Keefe in one.

Danny Martin, Newark, N. J., decisioned Art Tatta, New Haven, in ten.

Billy Murray, Boston, defeated Johnny Priest, Cambridge, in eight.

Art Smith, Providence, KO'ed Milt Stevens, Fall River, in three.

Eddie Berry, Brockton, KO'ed Dan Martino, Providence, in three.

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DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS
By JIMMY LAMBERT

ONE of the smallest crowds in Aruba's boxing history attended Promoter J. Nicholson's fight card at the Swingsters Square Garden. The card originally scheduled for May 15 was postponed two weeks due to sudden illness of one of the main eventers.

The main go once again featured highly popular Kid Dinimita, 150½, Santo Domingo, versus Orestes Diago, 145½, of Cuba, who substituted for Damasco Periera. Dinimita who had injured his right hand in training insisted on going through with the fight, and although he kept his hand under wraps throughout the fight, still had too much power and boxing ability for Diago, as he easily won the 10-round decision.

In the second main event of the evening Carlos Perez, 170, of Santo Domingo, won a 10-round split decision over Tony Martinez, 168½, of Cuba. Perez tried hard to make a fight of the bout but Martinez seemed content to jab and run away from Perez.

In a 6-round bout, Beau Jack, Jr., 154, of Trinidad, put on a great display of boxing and hitting to put the quietus on Kid Armstrong, 146, of Grenada, in 45 seconds of the first. Beau Jack, Jr. showed lots of promise the few seconds he was in action and fans hope to see him again soon.

Kid Papacito, 132, of Aruba and Dinimita, Jr., 136, of St. Martin, both tired themselves out in the first two rounds and ended up in a 4-round draw bout.

In the opener, Young Carpenter, 153½, of Aruba, won his second straight knockout victory by putting away Smiling Kid, 153, of St. Lucia, in 2:20 of the 1st.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

PROMOTER TONY STECHER, Pat Iacobucci and Jackie Keough, lost recently at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Stecher to the tune of $3000.00 and Keough to Joe Danos and Iacobucci to Mel Hammond. But here is the stinger, all three of them should have been returned the winner. Stecher, due to the fact that this was the best boxing show he has presented to the public for quite some spell, and Keough and Iacobucci because it is my sincere belief that they cleanly and decisively outpointed their respective opponents, Joe Danos, baby faced portside belter from Denver, and Mel Hammond, Negro battler from Minneapolis's Northside.

The youthful Keough's bout with the southpaw from the Rocky Mountain country was the most discussed battle of the evening. The storm of boos that met the rendering of the duke in favor of Hammond was like the reverberation to the dropping of the Atom Bomb. Minneapolis fight fans are a funny lot. They will jam the local Auditorium to the rafters to see Jackie Graves fight anyone (even his poor old Grandma) and then will rant and rave and pull their hair when the end comes like it always does with Jackie the winner by a KO over some ill-equipped guy in a few rounds, but give them a good card and they'll stay away in droves. Woe is me, woe is me, I should say Stecher, he pays the bills, not me.

In the 1st eight rounder, Jackie Burke, 164, from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, looked terrific in putting the chill on Paulie Blanks, 159, the fast stepping Negro battler from Vancouver, in the third heat, while Jackie Turner, 125, a kinky haired, thin faced youngster from Canada, outpointed Frankie Rivera, 122, curly headed Mexican youth from Kansas City, in another sixer. In the four round opener, Gene Tretter, 158, from St. Paul, failed to stop the winning streak of Bill (Scrap) Irons, 155, of Minneapolis, by dropping the duke in a hard fought bout. The house was the smallest seen at a Minneapolis gathering in over a decade. There were a scant 1400 paid admissions in the Arena. The gross take was a little over $2500.

BITS FROM "THE BATTLEPIT" . . . Johnny Simpson, one time rough tough Minneapolis middleweight, is now holding down a very responsible position with The Twin City Rapid Transit Company. Johnny, when going his best back in that tough period from 1932-1936, met the best of them here in this part of the country, boys like My Sullivan, Frankie Battaglia, Larry Udell, Dave Maier, and many more of the red hots of that period.

Glen Flanagan, the young St, Paul lad, who had a falling out with Earl Kane, his mentor, refused to sign with any of the managers here in the Twin Cities, and wound up out in California signed to a three year contract with Andy Skaff, a fellow who at one time was the boxing promoter at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

There is an old time tavern proprietor here in St. Paul by the name of Mike Tschida, who is called "The Dutchman" by the boys around the rialto. Mike is without a doubt the greatest fight fan here in the Northwest. He takes in all of the big bouts in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Milwaukee, and all parts of Minnesota. He can always be found right down where the rosin dust is blowing the thickest, with his stetson hat cocked one one side of his head, smoking a big black cigar and rooting for his favorite (who now happens to be Del Flanagan). Mike is close to the 70 mark in years, but his enthusiasm and zest for life is that of a youth. The best of everything to you Mike, sure hope you're around for another 30 years.

In the spring of 1942 Wally Holm, Minneapolis welterweight, was one of the hottest young prospects that the Mill City had had in over a decade. America was at war and Wally dropped his fighting career and joined a tougher outfit, the United States Marine Corps. After completing his boot training he wound up in a combat division and saw plenty of action in the South Pacific. Suffering stomach wounds, malaria and Dengue fever, Wally was sent back to the States. After a long siege in Government hospitals he received his discharge. Once back here Wally tried a comeback, but after a few starts he found that time, wounds and fever had taken too much out of his once strong body, so he retired from the ring. Today he is running one of the livelier night spots in Minneapolis, his health has returned and he can be found each day playing host to his many friends here in the Northwest.

This writer took in the Elmer Ray-Ezzard Charles bout in Chicago and for seven rounds it was a whale of a battle, but then Old Father Time caught up with Elmer and he fell an easy victim to the youthful Charles. A few days later, to add insult to injury, the Minnesota State Boxing Commission placed him on the ineligible list due to old age.

Willimar, Minnesota, at the local auditorium, the curtain rang down on the pugilistic career of Howard Bleyhl, the Minnesota welterweight champion, when he was awarded the decision over Booker Ellis, burly St. Paul Negro, in the eight round main event. The closing chapter in the career of the popular battler from Southern Minnesota was an exact replica of all of his past battles, bloody, thrilling and hard fought. It was in this same arena that the Madison Mauler started off his career as a pugilist back in January, 1940, when he won the regional golden gloves title and went on to win the welterweight division championship in the big tournament held at the Minneapolis Auditorium that year. Bleyhl, who knows only one way to fight, walk in and punch, is the person who is responsible for the revival of pro boxing here in St. Paul.

In the six round semi-windup, Dick (Muscles) Bighley, surprised everyone present by scoring a TKO over Vic Creelman, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, in the last round, while Joe Gates, from Fort Yates, North Dakota, made it two in a row over Willie Jones, St. Paul Negro heavyweight. Bill Irons, Minneapolis middleweight, defeated his home state rival, Walter Moll, Dilworth, Minnesota, in four, while in the opening bout Marlin Pettis, 140, from Minneapolis, who was making his pro debut, KO'ed Ray Dela, of Seattle, in the first canter. The show drew a crowd of 2,200.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

THE Columbus Police Force resumed its annual Sports Show in May, the first staged since the war. In a four round scrap, Buster Miles, Indianapolis Indian, beat Jimmy Welsh, of Columbus. Stacey Hall, Columbus policeman, and Paul Steur, Cincinnati officer, were pitted against each other in a thirty minute wrestling bout with Hall winning. Irish Pat Richards, Columbus heavyweight, stopped Larry Jackson, Indiana heavyweight, in the third heat.

In a rough and tough wrestling match billed for ninety minutes, Billy Weidner lost to John Demchuk.

Wild Bill Zimovitch and Ala Baba teamed up to wrestle Jack O'Reilly and Herb Parks, and as usual this was a red hot contest that lasted 45 minutes with O'Reilly and Parks the winners.

Willie Russell, local lightweight, dropped a close one to Jimmy Carter of New York in ten heats at Cincinnati. In his next fight at Columbus, he dropped the duke in ten heats to Bobby McQuillar, of Detroit. His third start was at Boston, Mass., in which he met Freddy Dawson, of Chicago, and Russell lost a hair-line decision.

Clay Bailey was reelected Chairman of the Columbus Boxing and Wrestling Commission. Also reelected were Everett Swickard, Vice Chairman; Les Scrimger, Secretary; Jim Back and Joe Thomas, timekeepers, and John B. Eckstorm as Commission Physician.

Dayton, Ohio, boxing and wrestling is now under the jurisdiction of Bud Jacobs, president; Maurey Paul, secretary; Ellis Mayhl, treasurer, and Joe Stauble, timekeeper, referee.

The newest addition to the 20th Century stable is Johnny Brown, a hard hitting welterweight.

Following are the new rules laid down by the Columbus Boxing and Wrestling Commission: Eight ounce gloves will be used in all bouts. If a fighter is knocked down three times in one round, he will lose via the TKO route. When a fighter is knocked down, he will have to take the count of eight, whether on the canvas or on his feet, before resuming the fight. One and a half inches of padding will have to be used under the canvas.

Don Hale, Akron's hustling fight manager, has two hard hitting fighters in Ronnie Delaney, lightweight and Bill Partan, welterweight. Both have been winning regularly.

Joey Perrone, former lightweight fighter, is planning on promoting boxing shows all summer in Steubenville, Ohio. Perrone promotes under the banner of the Steubenville A.C.

Bob Heath and Johnny Hanison, Akron promoters, gave the fans another good boxing show. They topped their fight with Bobby Dare, of Buffalo, and Bob Amos, Detroit's leading light-heavyweight. It was slam bang all the way with Amos getting the nod in ten rounds. This was his second win over Dare. Al King stopped Gib Jones, of Cincinnati, in the second heat. Ronnie Delaney, Akron lightweight, stopped Young Wills, of Detroit, in the first round. Rizieri Ronci, a heavyweight from Youngstown, stopped Jerry Locke, of Dayton, in the third heat. Leo Kelley, of Akron, got the nod over Joey Salcone, of Warren, in four heats.

Olin Reeves, good light-heavyweight prospect, who has just arrived from Australia, is training at the 20th Century gymnasium.

Harry Hartman, genial Cincinnati promoter, is planning on promoting popular priced shows every Monday in the Parkway Arena in his home city.

Al Sauls, a good looking flyweight, has just turned pro. Promoters who are in need of a good small fighter, contact the writer.

The Toledo promoters gave the Maumee River fans some classy slugging when they pitted Allen Faulkner, Buffalo middleweight, against Roy Miller, of Kansas City, Mo., in ten good fast rounds. Although Faulkner was given the duke, there were plenty of fans who thought Miller had won. Jerry Heminger, Tiffin, Ohio, middleweight, ran out on his bout with Jimmy Guey, of Detroit. Jerry wanted twice the purse that he contracted for and the Toledo Commission suspended him indefinitely. Guey went on to win over Johnny Eaton, also of Detroit, but Eaton gave Guey a rugged evening.

Eddie Miller, Dayton Blond Bomber, lost a unanimous six round bout to Dewitt Dean, of Detroit. In other bouts, Floyd Fielder outpunched Ted Bussey, of Detroit, in six rounds full of action. Ben Humphries won over George Ward, of Iron City, Michigan, after flooring Ward several times, and Bill Borne, of Detroit, got the nod over Jess Bradshaw, Toledo welterweight, in the curtain raiser. A nice crowd was on hand for the scraps, of which all were good.

The Becker brothers, Cincinnati fight promoters, topped Pat Iacobucci and Joe Discepoli, lightweights, both of the Queen City in the second meeting of the two fighters. The first bout was called a draw. Discepoli won after having Iacobucci on the canvas. Dr. Walter, the Commission doctor, said that Iacobucci perhaps had a broken jaw. Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati middleweight, was given the nod over Billy Cooper of New York in ten heats.

Charlie Scott won by a TKO over Art Edmerson in 1:12 of the fourth heat. Sheriff Jackson, of Hanford, Ohio, made short work of Mickey Janoski when he stopped the Fort Knox middleweight in 17 seconds of the first heat. Joe Kelly, of Oakland, Calif., won a six round bout over Oliver Cobbins, of Cincinnati. They are lightweights.

The fight attracted 2,360 fans who paid $6,779 gross, and a net of $5,286.32.

A good friend of mine—Harry Eagles—is now getting ready to stage some good shows in St. Louis. Fighters and managers get in touch with Harry at the Hotel Majestic in St. Louis.

Olin Reeves, who has just come back from Australia, is now training at the 20th Century Gym. and is soon to be topped here in Columbus. The writer, who is the matchmaker here, is anxious to line up good light-heavyweights to meet Reeves.

Harry Hart, the Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, after being on the shelf for three months with a broken hand, is now training and getting ready for action.

John Collins, the Dayton, Ohio, wrestling promoter, is going to branch out and expects to put on about six boxing shows in his city this summer. Fighters can contact him at the "Dayton Journal," Dayton, Ohio.

Sheriff Jackson, of Hanford, Ohio, made short work of Mickey Janoski, of Fort Knox, when he stopped the soldier in 17 seconds of the first round.

Dave Harris, the Hamilton, Ohio, promoter, is now getting ready to stage a wrestling and boxing show for the benefit of The American Legion in Hamilton, Ohio.

Several of the smaller spots close to Columbus will open up in the near future with wrestling and boxing shows.

Young Oskey, a good looking middleweight who just came back from the service, is the newest addition to the 20th Century stable. A six footer, this kid should do well around here.

Lew Muscat, who pilots a very good welterweight by the name of Eddie Bell, is eager to get his fighter some work in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Bell is being trained by Cleo McNeal, at one time a leading lightweight contender, and is ready for the best in welterweights.

Paul Cash, Dover, Ohio, fight promoter, gave the fans of that city a real knock-'em-down-drag-'em-out scrap on Decoration Day. Wally Unsold, who is the hot shot of the eastern part of Ohio, and who has been winning consistently, ran into a tartar in Chris Tabor, of Niles, Ohio. Wally won via the KO route in the last round though he was trailing on points. Tabor had Wally down in the second heat with a terrific right hand.

Sheriff Jackson, Hanford, Ohio's, Negro middleweight, knocked out Jimmy Campbell, of Dover, Ohio, in 1:11 of the second heat. Jimmy Welsh was given the duke over Eddie Bell, of Canton. Tommy Woodward, Columbus light-heavyweight, lost a unanimous decision to Eddie Elton, of Akron, Ohio, in six heats. Herb McDonald, Canton, copped the duke over Clarence Blair, of Akron, in four heats. Klay Milliron, Akron, a perpetual motion lightweight, never let up tossing punches at Charles Sawyer, of Barberton, Ohio, until he sent him down and out in the second heat for the final count.

Floyd Gibbons, a six-foot, one-inch, heavyweight, who tips the Fairbanks at 215 pounds, is in good shape and ready and good enough for any of the heavyweights today. He can be booked through the writer.

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DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

FIGHTING before the local gathering after an absence of six month, Lester Felton, 142, highly regarded Detroitian, cashed in on Cuban Flash, Ypsilanti, 149, for his 22nd straight victory, in an eight round bout at the Fairview Gardens. A straight over hand right sent Felton down for a two count in the opening issue, but Lester came on like a house afire to leave no doubt about the decision. These two maulers have now met three times with the Flash managing to last the distance each time out.

In the twin-feature, Willie Bell, 132, Detroit, squared accounts with Henry Armstrong, 126, Windsor, by scoring over his adversary in eight. Previous meetings between the pair resulted in a draw and a victory for Armstrong.

A battle of Canucks between Ronnie Carroll, 136, Windsor, and Alf Payette, 137, Quebec, ended with the former acquiring the verdict after six rounds. In the other contest Earl Johnson, 160, Detroit, outscored Jimmy Fox, 153, Windsor, in four.

Promoter Harry Harris announced that he would disband his promotions at the Fairview and planned to open up at Mack Park upon the arrival of warmer weather.

At the Windsor Arena, kayo minded Dominic Berardo, Windsor's light-heavy, was extended eight rounds by veteran Detroiter, Martin Doyle, but managed to cop a close decision. Referee Johnny Weber tabbed the affair 41 points to 38 in favor of Berardo, as did judges Joe Boles and Herman Spinelli, 46 to 24 and 42 to 38 respectively. Both battlers fought tooth and nail throughout. Solid punching by Berardo was more effective than the stinging left jabs thrown by Doyle. The 19 year old Windsor mauler left the ring with cuts about the head, eye, and temple, while his opponent was unscarred.

The remainder of the card was composed of four-rounders. Alf Payette, Quebec, decisioned Rocky Slyapick, Detroit welter, for the second time. Jack Ennis, Windsor heavy, outpointed Lloyd Michigan, of Detroit. Jimmy Wilson, veteran Ecorse middleweight, chopped down Harold Garrett, Detroit, in one round. Tommy Shonk, Detroit, beat Aurie Gauthier, Windsor, at 140 pounds, and Bernard Humphreys, Detroit, piled up enough points to defeat Jimmy Carroll, Detroit light-heavy.

World featherweight champion, Willie Pep, of Hartford, Conn., stopped in long enough to defeat Leroy Willis, state lightweight title holder, in ten drab heats at the Olympia Stadium. Pep weighing in at 134 pounds, as did Willis, did not work hard in taking all ten rounds. The entire affair was slowly fought, being subject to catcalls from the fans. The only action occurred when Pep decided to work a little.

Jimmy Palmer and Eddie O'Neil, both Detroiters at 157 pounds, met in a rematch of eight rounds in the semi-final. Palmer revenged a previous loss by taking the decision. O'Neil stepped in as a sub for Dewitt Dean, who could not pass the exam.

Four-rounders: In the only knockout of the evening, Billy Borne, 150, Detroit, TKO'ed Ralph Meyers, 153, Detroit, in the fourth, when a deeply cut optic prevented the contest from continuing. Borne had been winning the contest having his foe on the canvas for a nine count in the second round of the best fight of the night. Chuck Ross, 150, Western Michigan college student, fought a draw with Doyle Hirt, 152, Grand Rapids veteran. Jimmy Carroll, 161, Detroit, and Douglas Lang, 166, Muskegon, also fought to a standstill. In the opener Berry Gordy, 122, Detroit, had Paul Davis, 127, Detroit, on the canvas three times in taking the decision.

NOVICE TOPICS . . . Joe Garza, crack lightweight, made a trip over to Toronto where he defeated Canadian, Ernie Majury, in a good bout. . . . Rated number one amateur fighter around this state is 16 year old, Gene Linscott, Pontiac southpaw. Linscott recently won the National Amateur crown of the United States. . . . Apparently none of the present crop of fighters care to mix with CYO heavyweight champ, Chuck Speiser, so you can expect to see this comer among the pros shortly. . . . Television amateur boxing shows continue to come weekly and they are proving a big hit throughout Detroit and vicinity. Johnny Duffy is handling the matchmaking in able fashion. . . . Billy Curro, at 16 years of age, appears to be a good welter prospect and is doing well. . . . Daniel Thomas, Toledo middleweight, is ready to turn pro.

HERE AND THERE . . . Veteran 130 pounder, Joey Monteiro, of Hartford, Conn., boxing of late in Michigan and Florida, has announced his retirement from the game. Joey will make his home in Detroit. . . . Chuck Hirst, former Jewish KO artist, is toying with the idea of returning to the ring. . . . Jimmy Edgar, former middleweight contender, is serving as trainer for ex-manager Eddie Futch's stable of crowd pleasers. Jimmy conditioned Luther Burgess for his encounter with Jock Leslie, in which Burgess gained the state feather crown.

Wrestling fans in this section receive their share of shows with three clubs closing out the indoor season with weekly cards. . . . A note of interest; Dave Clark, one-time light-heavy contender, is doing well handling Leroy Willis, state lightweight king, and Berry Gordy, a promising feather.

Usage of a rubber ring mat which was tested during the Pep-Willis card, has received approval of both main-event fighters and the preliminary fighters. Commissioner John J. Hettche indicated that it would become a permanent fixture at future shows in Michigan. . . . Irish Pat McCafferty, hard punching Topeka mauler, turned down a good offer to meet state light-heavy champion, Benny McCombs.

Flint promoter, Tommy Cussans, was forced to cancel his show carded for the month when Tommy Gomez broke his hand in training and will be on the shelf for three months. Gomez was to have met Angel Sotillo, South American heavyweight. . . . Jack "Doc" Kearns has announced the signing of veteran heavyweight, Roscoe Toles. Since leaving the service Toles has had only one fight, kayoing Nate Bolden in seven upstate at Jackson. Toles will head for California, where he will begin training. . . . Likeable Harry Harris has left to spend a couple of weeks with his family in Baltimore, but will return shortly. . . . Why a young fighter with all the talent George Powell has is kept inactive is a puzzle to this writer. George has lots of ability and with the proper work would move up the ladder of fistiana.

Jimmy Park's Texas middleweight title holder, Jimmy Curl, will be seen in action upstate shortly. . . . Although an unsuccessful title bid against Ray Robinson at Olympia Stadium, Chuck Taylor, will return to action at Erie, Pa. . . . Cy Steel has a fine featherweight in Ray Powell and should have him near the top. Powell is no softie which his record will prove to anyone.

Floyd Felder, Flint welter, defeated the highly regarded Ted Bussey at Toledo in his fourth pro contest. . . . Jackie Graves has signed to meet Luther Burgess in Flint in what should pack the house. . . . Ward Blunt has postponed his show at Saginaw for the time being with Harold Jones and Talmadge Bussey heading the show in battle to find a challenger to meet Leroy Willis for the state lightweight crown. Jones has a cold.

Detroit's Danny Martin has been doing a lot of fighting in New York and in his last start drew with Joe Scarlotta in six rounds. Martin will meet Scarlotta in a rematch.

Vern Mitchell will appear on the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight championship card. . . . Mickey Savage will meet Tippy Larkin in a bout for the junior welter crown of the world. . . . You can expect to hear the news of a new club opening up here in Detroit at the Arcadia for the coming fall season.

Jack Laken has offered $25,000 for a non-title fight with Rocky Graziano outdoors for his charge, O'Neill Bell, top Detroit 160 pounder. . . . The sensational Milwaukee KO artist, Jimmy Sherrer, will show in the Motor City very soon. . . . Paul Darby, a popular fighter, stopped in town on leave from his army duties and is looking very fit.

Norm Butts delighted his followers at the Windsor Arena, when he connected with a left to the solar plexus setting down his opponent, Jesse Bradshaw, of Toledo, for the full count in 1:47 of the second of the main go. Bradshaw was sent to the canvas from a combination of a push and body block forcing Referee Johnny Weber to warn the Windsorite and again previous to the knockout. Butts weighed in at 152 pounds, one less than Bradshaw.

An eight round co-feature brought about the third meeting of Bill Stemmler, 152, Windsor, and Jimmy Wilson, 150, Ecorse, in which the former annexed his third victory over Wilson. Much blood was splattered about with both fighters being cut up badly. The best blow of the evening came when with three seconds left in the fourth Wilson caught Stemmler with a terrific right uppercut sending him down in a helpless state only to be saved by the bell. If the bell had not rung it is doubtful if Stemmler would have been able to beat the count.

In the supporting bouts, Bernard Humphries, 170, Highland Park, outclassed Earl Jackson, 168, Detroit, in four; Hugh Sublette, 138, Detroit, packed too many guns for Tony Azzaro, 143, Detroit, in a bout which was stopped in the second; and Eddie Allan, 150, Detroit, fought a draw with Rocky Slyapich, 145, Detroit, in the opener of four rounds.

This writer can be reached at 8799 Homer Street, Detroit 9, Michigan. Any readers should feel free to send in their notes on the fistic game.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, RINGS

By DOUG COSTELLO

FREDDIE PRICE, Irish middleweight, now fighting out of Montreal, scored a ten-round decision over Billy Landry of Moncton, N. B., former Maritime light-heavyweight champion, in a main bout at the Saint John Forum. Price had little difficulty in winning over a heavier opponent. Price, 160, on May 19, journeyed to Burlington, Vt., where he stopped Bill Daley, 156, of Brookline, Mass., in the second round.

In the six-round semi-final at Saint John Forum, Til LeBlanc, outstanding Moncton lightweight, defeated Jean Barriere, Montreal. Pint-sized LeBlanc bothered Barriere from start to finish with whirlwind punching.

Joe Pyle, formerly of New Waterford, N. S., stopped Eddie Gervin of Montreal in six rounds at the Saint John Forum. The Cape Breton Negro, now fighting out of Montreal, opened a bad cut over Gervin's eye in the sixth and was awarded a T.K.O.

An in-fighting master, Irish Freddie Price, scored his second victory in a Saint John ring by decisioning Alvin Upshaw, Halifax Negro, in ten rounds. Price had a rougher time than with Landry, but won handily. It was a middleweight bout.

In the semi-final, Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, 138, of New York, stopped Carl White, 154, Saint John, in four, scoring twice with a long bolo punch to the stomach.

At Fredericton, Billy Landry, Moncton, won a ten-round decision over Phil Roderique of Lewiston, Me. Also at Fredericton, Roderique lost a ten-round decision to Alvin Upshaw of Halifax in another middleweight contest.

At Edmundston, Duke Hodd, Saint John, provincial welterweight champion, won in ten rounds from Louis Barnes, Presque Isle, Me.

In the semifinal, a lightweight go, Crosby Irvine, Saint John, defeated Whitey Lawless of Presque Isle.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By COLIN FAULKNER

RICHARD (KID) HOWARD, 129½, Maritime lightweight champion, unanimously decisioned Doc Blanchard, 125½, Boston, in a savage ten round fight at the Arena in Halifax, N. S.

In the semi-final, Blaine Hayden, 140½, Springhill, got the nod over Harry Poulton, 142½, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Eddie Sheppard, 144, Halifax, got an unquestioned victory over Duke Snow, 142, in a four.

In the opener, James Steeves, 127½, Truro, iced Herbert MacMullin, 127, in 1:30 of the second canto.

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BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA'S fight game was limited to only one show during May, chiefly due to the fact that the Sports Palace was taken up with the Skating Vanities which lasted until May 30th. The following card was held at the Havana Ball Park at night:

Omelio Agramonte, Cuban light-heavyweight, outpointed Ted Lowry in a ten round contest not too full of excitement but Agramonte won easily and all hands were pleased with the verdict.

Lino Garcia, featherweight, in good form, outpointed Orlando Fernandez in a special ten round bout. Fernandez made a strong finish and had Garcia stepping fast towards the closing rounds, but Lino had the edge and deserved the judges' nod.

Felipe Fuentes, Cuba's flyweight champion, retained his title by defeating Tomas Vega, former champion, in a 12 round return match. Puentes showed that he will make a worthy owner of the flyweight crown, as he beat a good man in Vega, from whom he wrested the title a few months ago.

Let's hope that with the wind-up of the Skating Festival at the Sports Palace, our usual local boxing programs will continue.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN
By JOHN S. SHARPE

CLIFF ANDERSON, 125½, British Guaana, and Johnny Molloy, 126, St. Helens, met in the feature bout of ten rounds at Nottingham for Promoter Dan Appleby. The fighting bill warranted a larger crowd, but against that was a substitute opponent for Henry Hall, who was matched against Jim Wellard, of Northampton. Wellard cried off due to having a badly swollen ear—and this looked-for contest may have kept the Northampton fight fans at home.

The Molloy-Anderson bout was a thriller throughout with Referee Mick Fox declaring it a draw.

Henry Hall, 149½, Sheffield, was called upon to meet Rock Gianola, 149½, of Switzerland. Although the latter did his best he was no match for Hall and the referee stopped the one sided contest in the fifth.

Jackie Turpin, 128¼, Leamington, outclassed Hecky Holdsworth, 132¼, Slough, the latter retiring in the fifth round. Don Cockell of Battersea battered Koffi Kiteman of Wales for five rounds before the referee intervened in Cockell's favor—these were cruiserweights.

Tommy Armour, 150, Belfast, came in as a deputy for Jimmy Molloy, Liverpool, and outpointed Luciano Paoletti, 145½, Italy, over eight rounds. Johnny Smith, 139¾, Clydebank, knocked out Harry Swinburne, 138¼, Glasgow, in the third round. Jimmy Finlay, 135, Wishaw, making his first appearance as a professional, battered Norrie O'Brien, 136½, Dundee, for two rounds before the referee intervened.

Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, outpointed Billy Davies, Welsh flyweight champion, over eight rounds at Plymouth, avenging a defeat that Davies had over Johnson. Hyman Williams, Jamaica, outpointed Harry Legge, Bournemouth, over eight rounds.

Johnny Blake, Notting Hill, substituting for Ginger Sadd, put up a good show against the southpaw cruiserweight Reg Spring of Southall at Eddie Mallet's Watford promotion. At the end of a keenly fought eight rounds Spring received the decision.

Jimmy Gill, 116, Redcar, later of Nottingham, outpointed Joe Collins, 120, Newcastle, over eight rounds at West Hartlepool. In a local match, Mark Harrison, 107, knocked out Terry Allen, 107, in the second round. The latter must not be confused with Terry Ellen of Islington.

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Frank Kelly, 126½, Liverpool, was treated to a big surprise when he was matched by Johnny Best, of The Stadium, Liverpool, to meet the South African featherweight Tony Lombard, 127½, over ten rounds. Lombard won on points. Stan Gossip, 128, Hull, won on points over Chris Kelly, 126½, Liverpool. Billy McDonald, Liverpool, outpointed Tony McTigue, Wigan, in eight rounds of a lightweight contest. George Barker, Wellingborough, outpointed Johnny Cross, Horwich, in six rounds of a lightweight contest.

Harry Garcia, the young promoter, opened his promotorial career with a big bill of stars and was rewarded with a large crowd at Fratton Park, Southsea. Vince Hawkins, British middleweight champion, was matched to meet Mark Hart but the latter was stung by a wasp two days before the show and he had to call it off. But the promoter engaged Bert Sanders, of Kilburn, and although the latter was outpointed over eight rounds he made things interesting for Hawkins who had to fight hard against an aggressive opponent to win.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, did well to outpoint Georges Mousse, of France, over eight rounds of a bantamweight bout. Dickie O'Sullivan, the flyweight brother of Danny, again outpointed Emile Famechon, of France, over eight rounds. Ronnie Draper, Southampton, fought well to force a draw against Stan Rowan, Liverpool, in eight. Claude Dennington, Peckham, outpointed Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, over eight rounds of a lightweight bout. Johnny Kent, Covent Garden, defeated Ronnie Burr, Wandsworth, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth of an eight round bout.

Dick Turpin, eldest of the brothers, from Leamington-On-Spa, won the British Empire middleweight title in 2:55 of the first round when he KO'ed Bos Murphy of New Zealand.

Murphy won the title when he outpointed Vince Hawkins four months ago.

Murphy started confidently enough and scored with his long lefts and short left hooks but the wily Turpin waited his opportunity to conquer and connected with a heavy straight left to the head as Murphy came in and the New Zealander was stunned and staggered back, then Turpin went in for the kill, with left and right hooks to Murphy's head putting his opponent down for seven. On rising Murphy was glassy eyed and Turpin coolly feinted with his left and then crashed a heavy right to Murphy's jaw that put him flat on his back, his head striking the canvas. At seven he tried gamely to rise but was counted out by Referee Teddy Waltham before he could gain his feet.

In the supporting bouts, Charlie Squire, Coventry, was awarded a points decision over Raoul Degryse, of Belgium, by a narrow margin over eight rounds.

Ric Sanders, southpaw welterweight from Leicester, outpointed another southpaw in Billy Caloulas, of New Zealand, in eight rounds. Norman Twigger, Bedworth, knocked out Eddie Cramer, Rhyl, in the second. Don Cockell, Battersea, outpointed Ted Broadribb's protege, Johnny Williams, Coventry, over eight rounds of a cruiserweight contest, and Ben Duffy, North Shields, knocked out Jackie Turpin, Leamington, in the fifth round. A crowd of 25,000 turned out to witness Jimmy Gough's promotion in ideal weather.

Bob Burniston, 151¾, Barry, gained a narrow points win over Les Vaughan, 144½, Trealaw, after ten rounds at Trealaw. Over eight rounds Ron Jones, 123, Tonypandy, defeated Ivor Gravell, 122, Nantyglo, after a grim struggle.

Johnny Barton, 175½, Lancaster, knocked out Tommy Braddock, 171¼, Gloucester, in the sixth round at Preston. Reg Whitney, 158½, Rushden, defeated Danny Francis, 161¼, Liverpool, in the first round, the latter being ruled out for an alleged low blow. Jackie Fairclough, 117, Preston, outpointed Jeff Smith, 120¼, Wellingborough, in eight.

Jim Bryan, Gloucester, was too good for Len Brooks, Plymouth, in their contest at Falmouth and the referee stopped the contest in the second round of this welterweight bout and awarded the decision to Bryan.

Jackie Jones, 160, Bolton, knocked out Billy Mayne, 160, Birmingham, in the fourth round at West Hartlepool.

Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, outpointed Eddie Cardew, Holloway, over six rounds of a welterweight contest at Oxford.

A good crowd turned out for the opening show at The Mile End Arena and the results were as follows: Teddy Lee, 150, Islington, stopped Johnny Downes, 149, Manchester, in the second round when the referee intervened.

Charles Henry, 184, Croydon, a protege of Ted (Kid) Lewis, is a young heavyweight who will make it interesting for any of the younger school. In his contest against Vic Brooks, 181, Ipswich, he dealt out plenty before the referee intervened in the second round.

Gordon Ashun, 148, Bootle, Negro welterweight, won on points in ten rounds at The Stadium, Liverpool, over Norman Twigger, 149, Coventry.

In the supporting contest, Morry Jones, Liverpool, defeated Ernie Thompson, Nuneaton, in the second round. Both scaled 136. Jacky Humphries, Leeds, defeated Zoot Cameron, Jamaica, in the eighth and last round of a welterweight contest. Don Francis, Liverpool, outpointed Ernie Ormrod, Liverpool, in six rounds of a featherweight bout, and in the flyweight opener Roy Thomas, Liverpool, stopped Mickie Hoban, Bradford, in the second.

A new regulation of The British Boxing Board of Control, that on the face of it may look harsh, but is in the best interests of all boxers who have suffered injuries in the ring, states that in the event of a doctor not passing a boxer as fit to take part in a contest or if a doctor reports after a contest that a boxer is not fit to continue boxing for any period owing to an injury, or if a contest is stopped by the referee, or by the boxer retiring, the license of the boxer shall be suspended until he is certified fit by a doctor appointed by the Board or an Area Council.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

HAWAII'S middleweight champion, Carl Olson, 155¾, added win number 28 to his 30-fight professional ring career at the expense of Mexican Bobby Castro, 159¾, of Los Angeles, in a 10-round main event fight held at the Civic Auditorium. A crowd of 4,202 paid $8,689.25 to witness the Augie Curtis promoted card.

The fight was close throughout, with both fighters taking and giving their share of punishment mostly at close quarters, with Olson getting slightly the better of the argument due to his greater speed. The referee and one of the judges gave Olson the fight with the other judge calling it a draw.

Despite defeat, Bob Castro, who was making his second appearance in Honolulu (he had whipped Sailor Ike Patton in his first fight here several weeks ago), gave a good account of himself and gave the youthful Olson, who has just turned 20, probably one of the toughest fights of his career.

Other results: Willie Caesar, 133½, upset Baby Garcia, 134, in the five-round semi-windup. Freddy Gonsalves, 129, won a close one over Freddy Sylvano, 128¾, in five. Richard Cabral, 134¾, T.K.O.'ed Bobby Grace, 131½, in the first of four. Lightweight Pete Rosado, 136¾, T.K.O.'ed Francis Horn in the third of the four-round opener.

Tommy Blondin, 159½, regained some of his lost prestige and his standing as the logical contender to the territorial middleweight crown, currently held by Carl Olson, by upsetting the favorite Ike Patton, 156½, in a return eight round go held at the Civic Auditorium.

Hanging on to a slight lead he had acquired in the first five rounds Tommy Blondin barely managed to win the unanimous decision. A big third round in which Blondin floored Patton with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw for the only knockdown of the fight was the deciding factor. From the fifth round on it was Patton who set the pace and he had slightly the better of the argument in most of the exchanges at close quarters.

For Blondin this victory was especially sweet inasmuch as he had suffered a kayo loss to Patton in a previous encounter.

Other results: Philip Kim, 141¾, made it two straight over Llewellyn Strohlin, 139¼, in the six round semi-windup.

Marino Tiwanak, 113½, defeated Tommy Yamaoka, 116½, in a four round go. In another four rounder, Willie Brown, 115½, outpointed Eddie Reyes, 118½. The curtain raiser saw Mokey Hanagami, 118¼, getting the nod over Billy Bolilan, 117.

A crowd of 2,935 paid $5,120.50 to witness the fight, which was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

World's bantamweight champion, Manuel Ortiz, obviously fat around the waist at 125¾ and slower than he ever was in a Honolulu ring, put on the worst exhibition of fighting of his three Honolulu appearances and barely eked out a split decision over Henry Davis, 125½. The first seven rounds found Davis on the defensive attempting to counterpunch but landing no telling blows.

But Davis found himself in the eighth. Realizing that he was fighting a losing battle he started wading in recklessly, trading punch for punch with the champion. Nobody was more surprised than Davis himself when he found out he was beating the champion to the punch and landing more frequently. Davis kept up this strategy to the end and won the last three rounds by a comfortable margin but he was unable to overcome the lead piled up by Ortiz in the earlier rounds. Honolulu fans were greatly disappointed at Ortiz' showing. They just couldn't believe that this was the same Ortiz who had knocked out David Young with such authority about two years ago in the same ring.

The fight grossed $14,446.70 with 6,201 fans in attendance. It was promoted by Augie Curtis.

Other results: Shangy Tsukano, 147, won over George Tanabe, 146½, in five. This turned out to be the best fight of the evening.

In another five rounder, Ray Chang, 127, held Placido Torres, 126¼, to a draw. Lightweight Mike Ines, TKO'ed Frank Ascunsion in the fourth of a five. Jose Onacanim, 112¾, drew with Willie Brown, 114½, in five.

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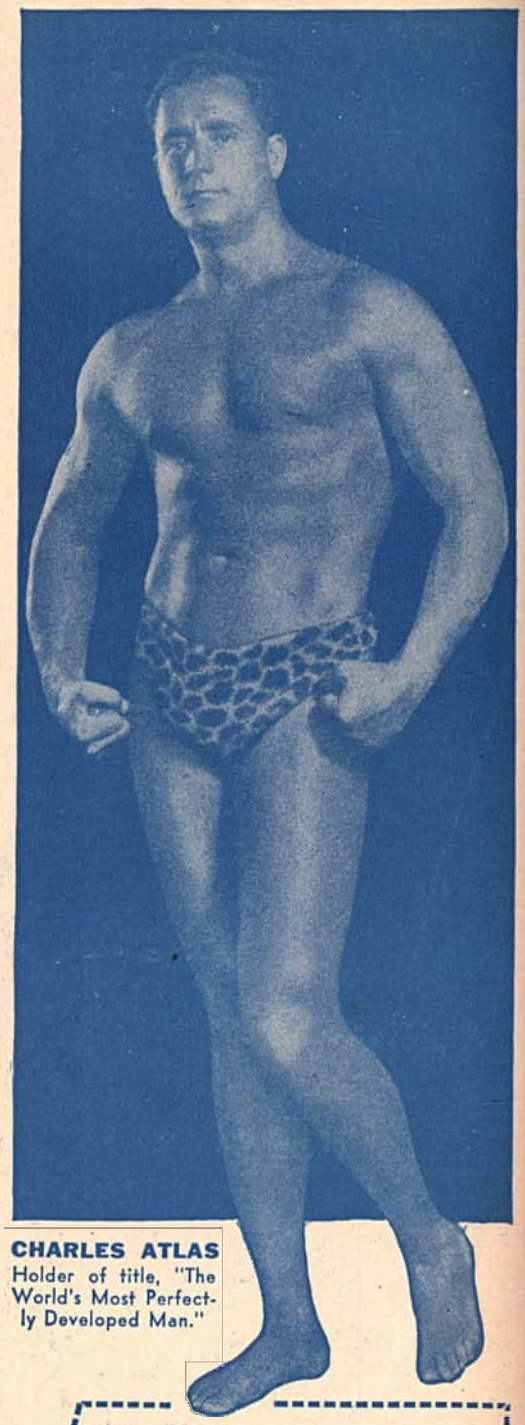

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